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Business to create 10 jobs to aid growth

UP to 10 jobs will be created by a Welshpool company after experiencing what is has described as "rapid growth."

Invertek Drives, in Welshpool, said it wanted to build up a "bank" of 10 staff who can be called up on to work during particularly busy periods.

The company, which makes products to control the speed of electric motors, said it will train the staff and call on them when needed.

Jason Bailey, production manager, said: "Invertek has experienced rapid growth following significant success in export markets and the company is now seeking to build a bank of up to ten people that can be called upon to assist with production during particularly busy periods."

"Due to the nature of our business, our staffing requirements can change from month to month. We are interested in hearing from people who are looking for flexible employment opportunities, typically short-term contracts of between five and ten days at times when we need extra support."

To find out more about the positions visit www.invertekdrives.com

Caravan sales site approved

THE site of a former household recycling centre will be used to sell caravans, it has been confirmed.

The vacant brownfield land on Maesbury Road, in Oswestry, which was used as a recycling centre until five years ago represents an "ideal opportunity" to bring new business and jobs to the town, according to Shropshire Council planning officers. A bid by Oswestry Caravans to use an open, hard-surfaced area of the site to sell static and touring caravans was approved.

College celebrates £500,000 funding boost

BOSSES at an Oswestry college are celebrating a £500,000 funding boost.

Walford and North Shropshire College will use the capital grant from the Skills Funding Agency to upgrade facilities at their campuses in Oswestry and Walford.

In Oswestry the funds will be used to help launch a construction training programme, starting in September.

Plans are already well advanced for the introduction of plumbing and bricklaying courses to meet employer needs and

broaden what is on offer at the college's curriculum.

At Walford, the grant will help to fund relocation and upgrading of the library and student social areas, offering increased capacity to help accommodate growth in student numbers.

The improvements follow recent work to upgrade both campuses.

Andrew Tyley, college principal and chief executive, said he was delighted with the latest capital injection.

He said: "Having only just completed the latest phase of improvements at Walford, it is fantastic to have another successful round of capital funding."

"The demand for locally based construction training has been evident for some time and it is good news for Oswestry that we will be able to offer this provision from September."

Chris Jones, head of the Walford faculty, said he was equally pleased with the plans to upgrade library facilities.

He said: "Independent study is a vital part of the learning process and this investment will create a superb, modern learning resources centre with much needed extra capacity."

The new facilities follow the opening last year of a revamped £1 million dairy at the Walford campus.

The move brought the college's farm dairy up to modern standards by creating a milking parlour and space for 100 extra dairy cattle.

Warning as raiders target the elderly

BURGLARS have targeted the homes of elderly people in two villages.

Police are urging residents to tighten up on basic security after three homes were broken into.

Officers say the two burglaries at Willow Crescent in West Felton and one in Ifton View, St Martins are being linked.

The West Felton incidents happened shortly after 9pm on Monday night with the intruders getting in through open windows.

Nothing was stolen from one of the homes after two men were disturbed but four gold rings were taken in the other, including a 22ct wedding band with the inscription "Wood Fine".

Two intruders were also disturbed at the address in St Martins just before 10pm where property stolen included three gold sovereigns in a display case, a gold hunter's watch and a wedding band.

Police said: "Anyone who spotted anything suspicious which might be related to the incidents, should contact the burglary unit at Shrewsbury police station by calling 101."

Information can also be given to the anonymous Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

New Saints set to lift

THE New Saints will look to wrap up the Welsh Premier League title in style in Saturday's televised top of the table tussle with Airbus UK at Park Hall.

The Oswestry club is virtually assured of a third successive league crown as they need just one point from four games - but already look to have done enough courtesy of a seemingly unassailable goal difference.

But they will be keen to ensure there are no late slip-ups against an Airbus

DISABLED MAN LEFT AT STATION

ARRIVA Trains Wales left a wheelchair user stranded at a railway station on Saturday when a guard refused to allow him to board a crowded train.

Disabled Colin Williams was turned away from the 11am Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury train as he tried to board at Welshpool Station, despite protests from fellow travellers.

Arriva Trains Wales has promised an inquiry after the 41-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer was told to wait for the next train because the four carriages were full. The guard refused to put down a ramp for him to board.

Faced with a two-hour wait Mr Williams was forced to travel the mile to his home in Bronwyflla Road before returning to catch the 1pm train.

"It was a terribly humiliating experience and a case of discrimination," said Mr Williams, who is demanding an apology from the rail company.

"I was on my way to Shrewsbury to watch my friend Steve Edwards performing in Big Busk, being held in memory of murdered musician Ben Beggington, but by the time I got there he had already finished. "It ruined the day for me. The guard made no attempt to get me on despite people telling him they would help me to the disabled area."

Mr Williams is a regular traveller on the line and said he had never been treated in this manner before.

"There were over 20 people waiting on the platform. About 10 people got off and I was the only one not allowed onto the train. I think it's disgraceful. I have been discriminated against because of my condition."

"I had already waited over 20 minutes because the train was late and was really upset and at the same time angry with the treatment I received. The very least I expect is an apology."

Fellow traveller Veronica Harding said: "I

by Graham Breeze

was disgusted. All the guard had to do was move people away from the disabled area into the carriage aisle. But he refused."

"The train was already 20 minutes late and it was clear he just wasn't prepared to take the time to put down the ramp for Mr Williams to board."

A spokesman for Arriva Trains said: "We are sorry to hear that the passenger was unable to board the Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury service at Welshpool station on Saturday and we are currently investigating this matter."

"Arriva Trains Wales remains committed to reducing social exclusion through a positive policy of improved access to trains and stations and works closely with rail industry colleagues and stakeholders to achieve this through positive partnerships."

"Passengers are able to obtain assistance with planning their journey via the Assisted Travel Helpline on 0845 300 3005 which provides support and advice to customers with disabilities."

"A discount of one third off a range of tickets is also available with the Disabled Persons Railcard."



Colin Williams on the station platform where he was barred from boarding a train

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Council planning to drop town's car parking costs

by Sue Austin

A town council is bucking the trend of increasing charges by considering dropping the cost of parking in its main car park.

Those popping into town for a few items could soon be able to park in Central car park for up to an hour for just 50p. Currently the charge is 60p for an hour.

Vehicles are destroyed as arsonists strike twice

A car was destroyed and two more were severely damaged in two arson attacks outside homes in Oswestry.

A shed and fencing were also destroyed in the two deliberate fires, which were started in the early hours outside homes in the Upper Brook Street area of the town.

West Mercia Police said it is now stepping up night time patrols in the town in a bid to avoid a repeat attack. Sergeant Scott Barnes said the force were linking the two fires, which happened in the early hours of last Saturday and Sunday.

In the first incident, a garden shed was set alight at a home in Beresford Gardens at about 4.30am on Saturday. Meanwhile, a passing taxi driver raised the alarm at around 3.15am on Sunday after spotting a car on fire in the parking area at the entrance to Lutton Close.

A Volkswagen Polo was destroyed and two other nearby cars were badly damaged.

Councillors met last night (Wednesday) to decide whether to make the change.

Although there is also a move to increase the charge from parking between one and two hours from 80p to £1, the mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Chris Schofield, said that the 50p for an hour proposal was a way of bringing more shoppers into Oswestry.

"Things are looking good in the town at the moment," he said.

"We have new shops opening and the market is doing well. We just need to see Cross Street given a facelift and then we can be really proud of what Oswestry has to offer. I hope that by dropping the car park charge for the hour in Central car park shoppers will be drawn into town to use our shops."

The town council currently runs three car parks in Oswestry - Central car park, the Horsemarket, and the Smithfield Street car park.

All other charges will remain unchanged for the coming year.

Oswestry Town Council also had a free Sunday parking policy to woo people into the town to shop or to visit the town park or have a meal or a drink.

Other car parks in the town, run by Shropshire Council, still charge on Sundays.

Company throws down the gauntlet



Staff from Walford and North Shropshire College and from the British Ironwork Centre battle it out in the Bake Off

AN Oswestry company has thrown down the gauntlet to local companies and organisations, challenging staff in a series of sports or activities to boost community spirit and raise funds for local charities.

The British Ironwork Centre's Community Challenge has seen staff rise to the occasion, be it on the rugby field or in the kitchen.

The most recent event was a Bake Off challenge when staff pitted their cookery skills against staff from Walford and North Shropshire College's Oswestry Campus.

It was the first of what could become a series of Bake Offs and the winner was Helen Lloyd from the British Ironwork Centre.

On April 15 the Centre's employees will again be putting on their pinnies to take on the University of the Third Age (U3A) in aid of Hope House on April 15.

Ben Knowles, Operations Director, said: "The Bake Offs are proving to be a fun way to raise money for good causes. Oswestry U3A is a fantastic organisation enabling local retired and semi-retired people to meet,

share knowledge and experiences and find new interests. We understand that they have some fantastic bakers amongst their ranks - but the Centre has some pretty keen cooks too."

Last year the British Ironwork Centre took on the Oswestry Town football club in a charity match and was also involved in a tug of war competition with Oswestry Rugby Club.

Mr Knowles said several staff are to take part in the Montgomery Canal Triathlon, biking, canoeing and walking the entire 35 miles of the canal from Newtown to English Frankton.

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Hillfort campaign takes to the streets

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to stop houses being built near Oswestry's ancient hill fort are taking their battle to the streets of the town.

Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort (HOOOH) campaigners will be setting up a stall in Oswestry town centre on Saturday to highlight the on-going fight to save the historic setting of the town's Iron Age hillfort from the bulldozer.

Shropshire Council has included plans to build 117 houses on a site off Whittington Road in its Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) plan.

The SAMDev plan is currently out for final consultation.

Campaigners say inclusion of the new estate would breach an existing development boundary and set a precedent for town growth in a new direction through green farmland skirting the eastern face of the ancient scheduled monument.

HOOOH will be holding a SAMDev surgery on the stall giving advice on how to respond to the current consultation on soundness which runs until April 28.

The hillfort housing has been met with huge opposition which has spread internationally including over 10,000 petition and Facebook supporters.

Guild member to be speaker

THE next meeting of the Oswestry and District Embroiders' Guild will be taking place in the town tomorrow (Friday).

Guild member Lynne Mainwaring will give a talk about the City and Guilds qualifications on offer for embroidery.

Campaigners' delight as train service goes hourly

by Andrew Morris

CAMPAIGNERS fighting for an hourly train service between Shropshire and Mid Wales are celebrating after it was given the go-ahead.

Rail users on both sides of the border have been campaigning for years for an hourly service along the Cambrian Line between Shrewsbury and Aber-

ystwyth and the Welsh Assembly has now confirmed the service will start next year.

Supporters say the line will help boost business along the route and help students travelling between the West Midlands and Aberystwyth University.

Four additional return services will operate between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, calling at Welshpool and Newtown, between Monday and Saturday, with hourly services for peak morning and afternoon times.

Trial

There will also be extra journeys arranged for the Heart of Wales line between Llandovery and Gwerton/Swansea and between Llandrindod Wells and Shrewsbury/Crewe.

The new service will create 20 new train crew and depot jobs and the changes, which will be on an initial three-year trial basis, will come into place from May 2015.

Edwina Hart, Welsh Assembly transport minister, said: "I am very pleased that we have been able to secure the extra train services on these two popular lines. I recently commissioned a survey which clearly demonstrated the benefits to commuters, local businesses and university students of an hourly service on the Cambrian Line."

Ned launches his pigeon post plan



Ned Corbett-Winder is to unleash a team of carrier pigeons to deliver his goods in protest against price rises by Royal Mail

A businessman from Mid Wales is to unleash a team of carrier pigeons to deliver his goods in protest against price rises by Royal Mail.

Ned Corbett-Winder, 29, from Berriew, near Welshpool, said his small business, which is based in London, can no longer afford to use the regular parcel service so he has now reverted back to using traditional delivery methods.

Mr Corbett-Winder, who runs NotAnotherBill.com in Fulham, said he was "standing up for the little guy" by refusing to pay increased charges.

Instead he is using his team of pigeons to deliver goods within a 60-mile radius.

He said: "I set up the business because I was fed up of only ever receiving bills or pizza menus through the post. People can sign up to my website and each month we send out a gift to make people smile when they go to their letterbox. Businesses like mine rely on Royal Mail and we are at the mercy of these price hikes."

"The latest price increase will cost my business around £2,500 over the course of a year."

Mr Corbett-Winder said he has trained the pigeons to fly between his home in Acton to a village near Oxford 59 miles away.

He added: "We have four customers in this village, so they will now receive their delivery by pigeon. People have always joked that if their parcel is late it would have been quicker sending it by carrier pigeon. Well, I am testing this theory out."

Mr Corbett-Winder said the pigeons can carry parcels up to 75g with the journey taking just over an hour with the birds flying at just over 50mph.

NEWS in brief

Turbines stand change denied

THE leader of Powys County Council has dismissed claims that the authority has backed down from fighting planned windfarms.

Councillor Barry Thomas said reports that the council had stopped its opposition to the five windfarms and a power line, which are subject to a public inquiry, were wide of the mark.

But he conceded that, due to Government policy, some windfarm developments "inevitable".

The inquiry in Welshpool is looking at windfarm applications at Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llaithyddu, Llandinam, Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen and an application for a 132kv overhead line to serve the Llandinam scheme.

National contest win for Suzette

AN embroiderer has won a national competition for her tea cups inspired by Indian culture.

Suzette Smart, from Hindford, near Oswestry, won the "Madeira Threads Machine Embroidery Category 2014" at the NEC for her creation, which included three, three dimensional embroidered tea cups.

The artist said the 3D cups were something that she has been developing for some time. It is the second time that Suzette has won the competition, taking the title in 2012.

Musicians lined up for recital series

OSWESTRY School Recital Series has announced the performers for May and June.

The series, which has seen performances from BBC Proms soloists and Young Musician of the Year winners, will be hosting the Werther Ensemble and the Brodsky Quartet. Call (01691 681135).

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NEWS

Fined restaurant owner says things have improved

by Pam Kingsley

THE chef at an award-winning restaurant that was fined after rat droppings were found has reassured diners that hygiene standards have vastly improved.

Mizanur Chowdhury, the chef at the 2013 Welsh Curry House of the Year, Bengal Spices in Llanyrnnech, said much of the kitchen has been refitted since the Environmental Health inspection which led to the prosecution.

He said: "I'm the chef but I wasn't here at the time of the inspection. My mother was ill and I had flown to Bangladesh to be with her. That's really why it happened."

My business partner was having to do everything himself with no help."

Mr Chowdhury said that hygiene standards had now been restored after improvement work in the restaurant and takeaway, and especially in the kitchen.

"Since then we're doing a lot of improvements in the kitchen," he said. "We've got a new floor and it's all been painted. We have new fridges."

"We're going to change everything to stainless steel soon, because that's the best thing to have. That will be on all the walls in the kitchen."

He said that the court case has not had an impact on business thanks to the loyalty of the customers.

"We're still open and our customers have been very supportive," he said.

"We're still doing good business and we have made all these improvements so that it won't happen again."

Mr Chowdhury and business partner Rabiul Alam were fined £5,000 each after admitting nine charges under the Food Safety Act, and were ordered to pay £900 in costs and court surcharges when they appeared at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court.

But the restaurant avoided a prohibition order, which would have forced it to close.

Pub makeover to bring in new jobs

NEW jobs are up for grabs on the Shropshire border after a hotel underwent a major refurbishment.

The Golden Pheasant Hotel in Llwyn-mawr, near Oswestry, has new owners and will now be known as the Mulberry Inn when it re-opens in June.

Allan Leck, hotel spokesman, said: "We plan to have the bar, restaurant and 50 per cent of the rooms ready in the next five weeks. Unfortunately there's a lot of work to do as we're aiming for five stars, but I'm confident we'll stay on schedule."

"We're changing the theme slightly. We want to make the place more contemporary, but we're conscious of maintaining the country club feel and of local opinion. We've decided to keep the name of the bar, the 'Pheasant Bar', the same."

Mr Leck added: "So far we've only got a bar manager, so the door is wide open to anyone looking for a job."

Mr Leck is available on (01691) 718281.

Pupils' signs flag speed fears



Dot Basham, from Gobowen, takes a look at one of the new signs

Campaigners calling for road safety improvements in a village in Shropshire have enlisted the help of children to get their message across.

Villagers in Gobowen have been battling for more than a year to see a pedestrian crossing installed on St Martins Road in the village. While they wait to find out if their campaign has been successful they have teamed up with Gobowen Primary School to run an art competition where youngsters

were challenged to design their own signs urging motorists to slow down through the village.

Police officers who serve the area were tasked with choosing the three winning designs. The three top designs have now been attached to lamp posts which are sited on roads around the school.

Campaigner Dot Basham said she was impressed by the standard of all the signs designed by the children.

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Objectors raise fear at village homes plan

OPPOSITION is growing against plans for housing in Trefonen, with opponents claiming the proposals will turn the area into an "urban sprawl".

The claims have been made in the light of two separate planning applications for housing in the village, which have attracted hundreds of objections.

The outline plans include 12 homes for land north of Whitridge Way in the village, with the application being made by the RF Trustee Company Ltd.

And a separate outline application by applicant Mr H Martin for land off Chapel Lane in the village could bring 22 homes.

About 150 letters of objection have been sent to Shropshire Council from people concerned about the Whitridge Way plans while a similar number have been sent against the Chapel Lane proposals.

Among the objectors is Tony Cheetham, a member of Oswestry Rural Parish Council. Oswestry Rural Parish Council has also objected to both applications.

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the Whitridge Way plans by May 8 and the Chapel Lane plans by May 9.

School told it must improve after report

A village primary school has been placed into special measures – and told the achievement of pupils and quality of teaching must improve.

An action plan has been put in place by governors and new head Julie Ball at St John the Baptist Church in Ruyton-XI-Towns after the publication of a report by Ofsted.

Inspectors visited the school in February. They said the leadership and management and the behaviour and safety of pupils were judged to be inadequate. Their report also said the achievement of pupils and quality of teaching required improvement.

But the report noted children did make good progress in reception, and in reading and writing in years three to six. Behaviour outside lessons was outstanding, the report said.

It also pointed out that the headteacher had drawn up "well thought-out plans" to improve achievement in mathematics and other areas.

Shropshire Council says school leaders have taken immediate action and are working very closely with education advisers from the council to ensure that the measures needed to bring

by Sue Austin

about the improvements are put in place.

Government inspectors will now return at regular intervals to check on the progress the school is making and that improvements are happening at the pace required.

Mrs Ball said: "We are already working on the issues raised by the inspector."

"An action plan is in place to take the school forward, focused on the key priorities. Staff and governors are fully committed to securing further improvements and we are already making progress."

Councillor Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "It is pleasing that the report highlighted the positive aspects about the school, but it is clear that there are issues that need to be addressed."

Ancient maps now online



Kenton Owen takes a look at some of the maps

A local history website has been launched to put 300 old maps of Oswestry and the Tanat Valley on to the internet alongside information on the area's industrial heritage.

The project started when a stash of 300 old maps, dated 1875, 1901 and 1926, were found in a shed last year by Ken Owen, from Llansantffraid.

Mr Owen wanted a way to share the maps with a wider audience, especially people with an interest in local history.

He has now scanned in many of the maps and is collecting information on local industries which will be added to the website - www.oswestry-borderland-heritage.co.uk

As well as the maps, the website will include photographs and memories of local residents, information about schools, churches and chapels.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Today's front page news that a wheelchair-bound man was left stranded at a railway station after being refused access to a crowded train is a disgrace.

It seems an Arriva Trains Wales guard decided that the delayed Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury service would be even later if he held the carriages at Welshpool to help disabled Colin Williams on board.

He made a decision, that I hope he lives to regret, leaving Mr Williams alone on the platform and allowing passengers to stand in the area reserved for handicapped travellers.

The company has promised an investigation but has not yet offered any kind of apology for the actions of the guard and it is little wonder that Mr Williams was less than happy to be forced to wait two hours for their next train.

Welshpool Station is unmanned and has no facilities so he was forced to travel over a mile back to his home to await the next train, missing the event he had set out to attend in Shrewsbury.

The incident comes in the same week that guards in some areas of the country have announced strike action claiming that their jobs have been diminished to little more than "Kit-Kat salesmen."

Well they can forget looking in my direction for support or sympathy.

Arriva Trains Wales has a serious apology to make.

On the subject of trains there was some good news this week with confirmation of an hourly peak hours service through Mid Wales at last.

Campaigners fighting for the service between Shropshire and Mid Wales are celebrating after it was given the go ahead by the Welsh Assembly.

But don't get too excited yet. The service will not start until May 2015 and even then it's going to be offered only at peak times.

Appearances really can be deceptive and former World Snook Champion Steve Davis is the living evidence.

The six-times World champ was in Oswestry last weekend to give an exhibition to local enthusiasts and won over a large gathering with his charming personality.

Davis has acquired an image of being "boring" but his recent starring role on "I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here" proved otherwise and now the people of Oswestry have also seen a very different side to the man.



The helicopter is brought out for the first time



Paramedics Ian Lock and Kerry Hemus, takes a look at the new helicopter.



Paramedic Julian Spiers climbs aboard the new air ambulance

WORKING FOR YOU



Owen Paterson MP

When the coalition entered Parliament in 2010 the country was borrowing £300,000 per minute. The previous government's reckless spending had brought the country to the brink of disaster.

After four years of sensible Conservative policies we are now seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has confirmed that the UK economy will be the fastest-growing in the G7 this year growing 2.9% in 2014, up from a January estimate of 2.4%.

I am delighted that, helped by measures such as cutting corporation tax from 28% to 21% and doubling small business rate relief, the private sector has created 400,000 new businesses and a further 1.6 million new jobs.

From April next year employers will no longer have to pay national insurance contributions for employees younger than 21, making it far easier for businesses to employ young people and bringing down youth unemployment.

Not only has the private sector growth put more people into work but we are making work pay better by cutting income tax for over 25 million people and lifting 3.2 million people out of income tax altogether. The top 1% of earners now pay a record 30% of total income tax, ensuring that the rich are paying off a fair proportion of the deficit.

This budget is great news for my constituents and I look forward to seeing local businesses and families benefit from the measures it introduces.

The recent budget included a further freeze on petrol duty which is helping people across North Shropshire, currently 13 pence cheaper than under Labour's plans and 20 pence cheaper or £11 a tank by the end of this Parliament. The new pensions changes are dramatic and radical giving people for the first time in decades the power to decide for themselves how they spend their pensions.

I am pleased that so many local businesses and families will benefit from the measures introduced in the budget.

My next surgery in Oswestry is tomorrow (Friday). Contact my office for an appointment.

Smog grounds launch of new air ambulance

Poor visibility grounds new air ambulance as official launch is hit by Sahara dust - Sophie Madden reports

IT WAS supposed to be the big day when Midlands Air Ambulance's new £4.5 million helicopter was unveiled to the public - only for a blanket of dust to gatecrash the party.

Poor visibility caused by smog made up of dust which blew over Shropshire from the Sahara Desert was enough to ground the new helicopter - even though it has been designed to fly at night and provide 24/7 cover across the region.

The grounding came into force during the helicopter's official launch at the air ambulance's base at RAF Cosford. Officials at the Environment Agency feared that more dust, blown to Britain on winds from North Africa and Europe, was on the way.

Technology

But despite the disappointment at the helicopter being unable to take to the skies, air ambulance chiefs said it had failed to dampen a "hugely exciting" day for the charity.

The new helicopter will replace one of the charity's three leased aircraft and will be based at RAF Cosford and is expected to be in service for the next 20 to 25 years.

It has been equipped with the latest technology and has the capabilities for night flights - which the charity is looking into providing.

As well as buying its own aircraft, the charity has undergone a major refurbishment of its base. New offices, have been built, along with a dedicated clinical training room and an overnight rest area for air ambulance staff, which is another step towards providing an overnight service.



The team pose for our photographer as the helicopter is revealed

cal training room and an overnight rest area for air ambulance staff, which is another step towards providing an overnight service.

Midlands Air Ambulance has picked up 40,000 patients since it was formed in the 1990s and taken them to hospitals across the region, making it the busiest air ambulance service in the UK.

Hanna Sebright, chief executive of the Midlands Air Ambulance charity, said: "This is a momentous occasion, and it marks two milestones in our diary of recent achievements.

"It is hugely exciting, I am so proud to be able to off our crew such fabulous facilities and a brand new aircraft. They go out to traumatic injuries every day and there will be one of our biggest concerns.

"We're still evaluating whether there

is a call for us to operate a night service, because things like sports injuries only happen during the day." Mrs Sebright said that buying the new air ambulance also has financial benefits for the charity, as it is more cost effective and money that has been saved through the purchase can be used to invest in more training for staff, improving bases across the region or in another craft.

"We're putting plans in place that will give us the best possible future," she said.

The new aircraft has been bought in part thanks to a request by West Midlands businessman Derek Bullivant.

In his will, Mr Bullivant left donations to three local charities, including a £1.4 million donation to Midlands Air Ambulance.

Brendan Connor, chairman of the charity, said: "When we made the de-

cision to purchase an aircraft around a year ago, we all took deep breaths and thought it was the best thing to do for the future.

"But as a stroke of luck, out of the blue we were made the beneficiary of a legacy worth £1.4 million. It was not expected, but it made our decision so much easier."

The new helicopter will now have the Bullivant name printed on the side in honor of the generous donation he made.

"It will be a continuing example of his generosity for the next 20 or 25 years," added Mr Connor.

And the medics who will be using the new aircraft are pleased with the new opportunities it will provide them.

Candice Mansell, an air ambulance paramedic who is normally based at Strensham in Worcestershire, said: "I think obviously this will be more commercially beneficial and we have the opportunity in future for night operations."

"We are getting people to the place they need to be, to specialist hospitals rather than the nearest hospital and now we will be able to do that 24 hours a day which is particularly important in the rural areas like Shropshire and Herefordshire."

Julian Spiers, critical care paramedic and air crew supervisor, who has worked with the charity since 2006, said: "What this means is we've got a fantastic new aircraft, capable of night operations."

"The charity has purchased it as a way of making the money go further. The only funding we receive is from donations so every penny count."

"This new helicopter has been set up to enable the doctors and the critical care paramedics to provide state of the art care. This aircraft will be based at RAF Cosford and will be of direct benefit to the people of Shropshire. For people in rural areas this will mean that are reached as quickly as possible and taken to the best possible location."

"It will be of direct benefit to the people of Shropshire."

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Nowhere to go for European updates

THE Clegg/ Farage debate was an eye opener!

Nick Clegg refused to recognise the obvious faults of the European Union – the astronomical costs, the endemic fraud the gravy train or the plainly failed euro.

He told us, "It will take time to overcome years of misinformation and deeply misleading facts that have been spread virtually unchallenged by Eurosceptics".

I am a Eurosceptic who has been writing on the subject for over 35 years and I tell you there is nowhere and no one you can go to for reliable information about the European Union.

We know nothing! What it costs, what its aims and ambitions are, who runs it, why its Parliament cannot make law.

Why European Union law is made by unelected, unknown civil servants behind closed doors in Brussels.

The debate discussed what percentage of our laws are now made in Brussels, Nigel Farage said 75 per cent, Nick Clegg said only seven per cent while a high ranking German minister said recently that it was 85 per cent – are these not facts that we are entitled to know and believe?

Does anyone care that we are still fighting for democracy around the world while our own has almost disappeared?

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Property price rise

ACCORDING to the Land Registry the rate of increase for property in Shropshire house prices over the period February 2013-February 2014 has been 2.93 per cent.

This hides a rapid increase in the period of July 2013 to February 2014 of 5.264 per cent.

This figure represents an increase over seven months. We could expect to see an annual figure of 9.02 per cent which until recently has only been seen in London.

ROBIN LLOYD
Ellesmere

Searching for family connection

I am writing in the hope one of your many readers may be able to help me track down some relatives that may still be in the area. We intend returning to the county this year and it would be great if we were able to make our visit more meaningful by meeting up with some distant relatives.

Reaching back through the centuries: Thomas Wilson (Willson) was born circa 1715, it could have been September 4, 1710 in Whitchurch, his father was William Wilson. He married Anne Bayley on September 2, 1736 in St Julians, Shrewsbury (Anne was

born circa 1715 in Shropshire).

Their children were: Shuzana Wilson, born 1739 Condover, baptised November 5, 1739 in Condover; Ann Wilson born 1742 died 1742; William Wilson born 1744, baptised February 26, 1744; Thomas Wilson born February 15, 1747; Joseph Wilson born 1749, baptised June 4, 1749.

Thomas Wilson married Mary Fox on January 31 1768 in Alberbury (Mary was born circa 1750 Shropshire). Their marriage was noted in marriages 1767-1812 collection Shropshire-Alberbury-parish register.

Their children were: John Wilson born October 13, 1769, Alberbury/died March 5, 1851 at Cross Houses aged 81; Anne Wilson born May 17, 1772 Alberbury; Mary Wilson born May 1, 1774 Alberbury; Elizabeth Wilson June 11, 1780 Alberbury.

John Wilson was born 1816 at Ford. He died on June 30, 1895 in Canimbla, Cowra, New South Wales, Australia.

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MAX WILSON
Australia

Chanting strikers hold up town traffic



IT'S August 30, 1972, and about 100 chanting strikers demonstrating in support of their pay claim held up market day traffic in Oswestry. The march by banner-carrying building workers through the town centre was watched by crowds of shoppers lining the pavements.

Don't panic as animals come inside

SPRING is here, and that means wild animals will be searching out safe, warm, dry places to nest and raise their young.

Inevitably, this means that some will come a little closer to people than they might like.

There is no need to panic and call in pest controllers. There are simple measures that can be taken to encourage unwanted guests to leave without harming them.

Animal Aid has a series of free information sheets that give useful tips on deterring birds, squirrels, rodents and foxes.

You can order these from info@animalaid.org.uk or by calling 01732 364546.

KATE FOWLER
Animal Aid

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Can Farage's party stop rural decline?

NIGEL Farage seems to hit a chord with many voters in towns and cities, and even more so in rural parts of the country.

Mr Farage, when he is at home in his village, likes nothing better than to go down to his local pub and to have a drink and a chat with locals. People like their local politicians to be human and not some aloof person they only see at election time, or granting planning permission for their local pubs to be turned into housing estates.

For some villages and hamlets they have nothing left but houses and farms. If people in rural areas think Ukup can stop this decline and rejuvenate our countryside, then they will have many more votes and who knows – even mine.

MARK NORWOOD
Whittington

Treat local graveyard with respect

SINCE my Grandad passed away in March 2012, my family and I have visited the Weston Rhyn Churchyard every weekend, to place flowers and pay our respects to someone we miss dearly.

It is with great sadness that every weekend we have to clear up other people's rubbish which is strewn across the grass and stuck in the hedges. I find this very disrespectful. The churchyard is a final resting place and this is unpleasant to see.

So please dispose of your wilting flowers, top soil bags and flowers pots in the bins provided which are located to the left hand side of the church itself.

NATALIE CAMPBELL
DAVIES.

Believers drive lots of major advances

MANY people hold the view that Christianity is a minority sport played on Sundays by an old, unthinking minority. But in fact, Christianity is at the heart of what it means to be British. The ideals of equality, care for the poor, healthcare, justice for all, have all come directly from our Christian heritage.

The first hospitals were run by monks. Most of the pioneers in medicine – such as Fleming, Pasteur and Lister – were motivated by their Christian faith. Care for the homeless was established by the Salvation Army. Wilberforce, instrumental in the abolishment of slavery, did so because of his Christian beliefs.

There are so many Christians who established the best elements of our society: Elizabeth Fry, prison reform; George Muller and Dr Barnardo, orphanages; and Florence Nightingale, nursing reform.

Thankfully, Christian attendance is going up. But even so, it has been better than many think. On an average weekend 450,000 people go to watch football, but nearly one million go to church in Britain. I agree that it is tragic that so many conflicts seem to be started by religious difference.

All I can say is that Jesus told us to "love our enemies". So God is not in favour.

REV BOB PITCHER
Oswestry

Seven a day is nonsense

SO it is now seven portions of fruit and veg a day for a healthy long lasting life.

How ever did we oldies manage to live so long?

If we were lucky we had a banana and an orange at Christmas. Apples were plentiful in season provided you didn't get caught scrumping them.

The problem nowadays is excess of everything and over indulgence.

My father would often say to me: "Everything in moderation son, the only thing you can never have too much of is good clean fresh air".

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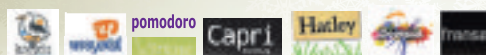
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Beer festival is better than ever



Lions president Graeme Ross, pours some ale

MORE visitors than ever visited the 2014 charity real ale festival in Oswestry, delighted organisers announced this week.

The sixth Oswestry Lions Club event took place at the Memorial Hall at the weekend when more than 20 casks of real ale were on offer, all supplied by local breweries.

Lions club member Clive Humphries said about 250 people went along to the event..



Fred Owen pours a brew called The Last Supper



Calli and James Bond, taste some ales

"The festival had grown in popularity in recent years and I think this one was the busiest we have had," he said.

"Over the six years we have certainly seen an increase in microbrewing in the area. This year we had all our beers from Shropshire bar two and they were from Powys."

The list included Oswestry's own Stonehouse Brewery which played a major role in sourcing the beers, providing specialist equipment and supporting the event.

"Stonehouse has been involved since the start and has been a great help and support," said Mr Humphries.



Brian Evans, secretary of the Lions Club

In addition to real ales, cider, wine and soft drinks along with food were also available.

Mr Humphries said: "We thought we would give it a go because a few other Lions clubs up and down the country had done their own festivals and they had been successful."

"That was six years ago and the popularity has increased steadily. The festival, held at this time of year is a great chance for people to have a nice time and try out a few ales and drinks they may not have tried before."

"It has always a good atmosphere. We had a few new

breweries this year, there are quite a few popping up around Shropshire so it is good to have them.

He said it was not yet known how much the event will have made for Lions Clubs charities.

Lions Clubs like the one in Oswestry are well-known throughout the world for the enormous contributions they make to good causes, supporting individuals in need and local charities, as well as coming to the help of those struck by natural and other catastrophes, and funding worldwide health projects.

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Victim of car crash is named by police

POLICE have named the man who died in a road crash at Llanyblodwel last week as Andrew Trevor Watkins of Llansantffraid.

Mr Watkins, who was 59, died in a two-car collision.

He died when the silver Peugeot 307 he was driving was involved in a collision with a black VW Caddy on the A495 near the village of Llanyblodwel at around 8.40am.

The Peugeot also struck a road sign following the initial collision, ending up on its roof.

West Mercia Police are continuing to investigate the circumstances and a report is being prepared for the Shropshire coroner John Ellery.

The fatality was one of two on the region's roads last week.

A motorcyclist who died in a collision with a lorry near Ludlow on Tuesday has been named as Nicholas Stephen Taylor, aged 64, from Knighton in Mid Wales.

Mr Taylor was pronounced dead at the scene following the collision on the A49 Bromfield Road at around 2.30pm.

Anyone who can assist is asked to contact their police station on 101.

Snooker legend proves he's a real entertainer

SNOOKER legend Steve Davis proved himself to be thoroughly entertaining when he took on some of the county's best players in a village hall.

More than 180 people packed into Morda Village Hall to watch him in action on Saturday night.

Mr Davis was guest of honour at a presentation evening for the Oswestry and District Snooker and Billiards League.

He played eight games during the evening, seven singles matches and one double, when he teamed up with Paul Davies from Glyn Ceiriog, winner of the league's billiards competition.

All those who faced the six times world champion snooker player were winners of league competitions.

The only opponent to win against him was Mike Dwycki from Ellesmere, who was the overall competition winner in the league last season.

Dennis Hughes, league secretary, said Mr Davis had been thoroughly entertaining and was a huge hit with the audience.

"He certainly isn't the 'boring' person that everyone thought he was in the 1970s.

"He entertained everyone talking about his life and

by Sue Austin

cracking jokes - even when he was making shots."

"The players and the spectators thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a great night," Mr Hughes said.

"He was happy to chat to people, sign photographs and have his picture taken."

Mr Hughes said the league's presentation evening was always a big night.

"We started having big names at our presentation evenings about eight or nine years ago.

"Steve was with us about five years ago and we have also had others including Dennis Taylor, John Parrott and Jimmy White. It's very popular with our members."

The league has 20 teams in two divisions.



Wayne Jones, Paul Jones, Steve Davis, Paul Davies and Mike Davies pose for the camera

NEWS in brief

Rises and falls in bus fare changes

BUS operator Arriva has announced fare rises in and around Oswestry and Shrewsbury but cuts to prices in Telford.

Selected adult single fares in Oswestry and Shrewsbury have gone up by 10p, but the cost of most multi-journey savers have been frozen.

The £1.70, £2.80 and £2.90 adult single fares in Oswestry remain unchanged, as do the £1, £1.60, £2, £3, £3.40 and £3.50 fares in Shrewsbury.

A local day saver in Telford is cut from £4.20 to £4, adult local weekly savers fall from £18 to £16 and the child local weekly saver is down from £12 to £11.

Invitation out for parish meeting

RESIDENTS of two villages near Oswestry are invited to go along to their annual parish meeting which takes place tonight (Thursday).

The annual parish meeting of Pant and Llanymynech will be held in the Pant Memorial Institute, and residents are being encouraged to attend at 7.30pm.

Guest speaker will be Mr George Candler, the director of commissioning for Shropshire Council. He will give a talk on the future of Shropshire Council.

There will also be light refreshments.

Please join us for our Holy Week & Easter Services at St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry

Everyone welcome

Sunday 13th April

10.15am. Blessing of Palms, Procession & Eucharist

Introit: Hosanna to the Son of David - Weelkes

Setting: Mathias - Communion Service

Anthem: Solus ad victimam - Leighton

6.30pm. Come & Sing Stainer's 'Crucifixion'

3.00pm Rehearsal followed by tea Performance 6.30pm.
All are welcome to sing - just turn up for Rehearsal.
If possible bring a copy of the music

Thursday 17th April

7.30pm. Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper
(Sung by the Choral Scholars & Adult Choir)

Setting: Darke in F

Anthems: I give you a new commandment - Aston
Ave verum - Elgar

Following the service there will be watching at the Altar of Repose until

11.40pm Close of the Watch - Compline
(sung to Plainsong by the Adult Choir)

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Friday 18th April

10.00am. Family Service
(Sung by the Junior Choir & Choral Scholars)

Anthem: Carol of the Atonement - English trad
12.00 noon. Three Hours Devotions

Saturday 19th April

7.30pm. Easter Vigil
(Sung by the Choral Scholars & Adult Choir)

Anthem: Hail gladdening light - Stainer

Exultet: Plainsong

Anthem: Maria Magdelene - Gabrieli

Sunday 20th April

10.30am. Festival Eucharist

Setting: Archer - St. Albans Service

Anthem: Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah) - G. F. Handel

6.30pm. Festal Evensong

Introit: Christo resurgenti - Couperin

Canticles: Weelkes - Service for Trebles

Responses: Smith

Anthem: Haec Dies - Byrd

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter Day

NEWS
in briefThink before you
throw it away

RESIDENTS in the Welshpool area are being urged to think before they throw things away if having a spring clean.

Powys County Council's Recycling Team said many people de-clutter their homes at this time of year, but said people should think before binning everything.

Councillor Barry Thomas, council leader and cabinet member for recycling and waste, said: "It is so easy to throw things straight in the bin.

"But there are many ways to extend the life of your old items and to make some money in the process."

Easter window
competition

PRIZES are on offer for Welshpool town centre businesses willing to get in the Easter mood by dressing their windows.

Prizes for the best dressed shop window and market stall are on offer following on from the success and enthusiastic response for the St David's Day Window competition.

Organised by the Town Council, shops and market stalls will be judged on April 16 by the mayor and deputy mayor with a framed certificate signed by both the judges presented to the winner and runner up.

Motor rally poised to go ahead as entries pile in

by Andrew Morris

A second rally event scheduled for Mid Wales will go ahead as planned despite the first being cancelled, organisers have confirmed.

The Plains Rally, which will be held in Welshpool on May 17, will take place as normal after the Knutsford and District Motor Club said it had received more entries than last year.

Rally North Wales, which had been due to take place in the town this coming weekend, was cancelled last month after its organisers said a lack of entries left it facing a loss.

The Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire Car Club, which organised the Welshpool stage of the Rally North Wales, said it was facing a £10,000 loss so scrapped the event.

But the Plains Rally will go ahead as normal, with the Church Street car park being the start and finish location and the venue of a pre-event vehicle check the day before.

The rally starts in Welshpool and taken in 10 forestry routes around the Mid Wales area, before finishing back in the town.

Chris Kettle, event spokesman, said: "Everything is fine for the Plains Rally. Planning is steaming ahead and, at this stage, we have more entries than last year."

"The final stage provides the best spectator viewing at Woodtek Biomass's woodyard, just off the A490 near Guilsfield. Car parking will be £10 per car, which will include a donation to Montgomery Emergency Doctors."

When the Rally North Wales event was cancelled, Guy Weaver, chairman of the Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire Car Club, said: "With less than 80 entries, the club was facing a potential loss of in excess of £10,000 which we simply cannot afford."

Measles alert for students

WELSHPOOL students preparing for GCSEs and A levels are being advised to take an extra precaution to prevent an illness that could impact one of the most important periods of their lives.

With new local cases of measles being reported every week, there are still a large number of students that have not been vaccinated.

"New mothers realise the benefits of the MMR and over 95% of two-year-olds in Powys are now being vaccinated," said Dr Catherine Woodward, Director of Public Health for Powys teaching Health Board: "However there are approximately 2,100 young people in the county aged between 10-18 who weren't vaccinated as babies and are still not protected."

"It's really important that these young people come forward to be vaccinated for their own protection. Two doses of MMR will provide 99% protection against measles."

Family fun at museum



Eva Bredsdorff prepares for the exhibition

A museum is hosting a range of Easter activities for children and families this coming half term.

Powysland Museum in Welshpool will hold a number of craft events along with a visit from the Animal Man during the school holidays.

Eva Bredsdorff, museum curator, said: "This Easter the Powysland Museum in Welshpool we will hold Easter crafts days where you can make a range of items including masks, cards, eggs and other seasonal items, suitable for all ages."

"These sessions will be held in Welshpool on April 22 from 11.30am to 12.30pm."

"The ever popular 'Animal Man' is once again coming to the museums with his cuddly and less cuddly friends for everyone to handle."

"He will be in Welshpool on April 14 between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Easter crafts are £3 per child and The Animal Man is £4."

Tickets on sale for talk by pilot

MORE than 30 years ago, Martin Withers embarked on one of the most daring bombing raids in RAF history, and on Saturday he will be in Welshpool to tell the story.

The date was April 30, 1982 and the target was the airfield at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands, then newly occupied by invading forces from Argentina.

Setting off from Ascension Island in the Atlantic Ocean, Martin and his crew flew almost 6,800 miles to the Falklands, several times refuelling in mid-air, before dropping their deadly 21,000lb cargo.

Today just one Vulcan, XH558, is maintained in flying condition and it is expected to again feature at this year's Welshpool Airshow on June 8.

The Vulcan to the Sky Trust maintains XH558, and on Saturday at 7.30pm in Welshpool Town Hall, the Trust will join with the Bob Jones Memorial Airshow to present an evening with Squadron Leader Martin Withers.

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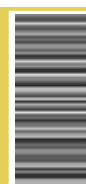
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NEWS
in briefSecrets are set
to be revealed

THE secrets of geo-caching will be revealed in Oswestry's Cae Glas Park during the Easter school holidays.

A beginner's guide to geo-caching will take place on April 22 from 11am to 3pm and will be suitable for the whole family to join in with.

The day is being organised by Oswestry Walkers are Welcome.

John Waine, from the group, said: "Geo-caching is basically a high tech treasure hunt. Instead of a paper map to follow you use a hand held GPS unit to find locations."

To book contact Mile End Visitor Centre on (01691) 662488.

Police will hold
group meetings

POLICE will be holding three PACT meetings in the Oswestry area this month.

The first will be for the Oswestry Rural North area and will be held today (Thursday) at Whittington Castle at 10am.

Then there will be a chance for people from the town centre when Oswestry Central will hold its meeting on April 17 at Oswestry Library, Castle View, at 11am.

The final meeting will be for Oswestry Rural South and will be held on April 29 at Llanymynech Village Hall at 7pm.

Hospice scheme will see patients treated at home

by Andrew Morris

PATIENTS with incurable illnesses in Mid Wales will be cared for more in their own homes under plans by a Shrewsbury-based hospice.

The Severn Hospice said it will introduce a community-based service which will reach more people in North Powys.

The independent charity said it will result in more terminally ill patients receiving specialist care.

Closure ruled as unlawful

A Council acted unlawfully in closing an adult day centre in Shrewsbury without properly consulting its disabled users or their relatives, the Court of Appeal has ruled.

But Shropshire Council bosses have insisted they "remain committed" to transforming adult social care services in the county despite the ruling.

Three senior judges ruled that the council had failed to properly consult local people about its proposal to shut the Hartley's day centre in Shrewsbury.

The decision came too late to save Hartley's which closed late last year, but will affect future consultation on further potential day centre closures including the Lorne Street site in Oswestry.

A 63-year-old woman with learning difficulties, known only as LH, instructed specialist lawyers to challenge the decision and Lord Justice Longmore said the consultation was too "wide-ranging".

The new service will be based at Newtown Hospital but will cover the whole of Montgomeryshire.

Doctors and nurses at the hospice say the service will see medical and nursing care and complementary therapy given to patients at home, reducing the need for them to travel to receive support as their illness progresses.

Heather Palin, Severn Hospice director of patient services, said: "Patient surveys consistently show that, quite understandably, people want to receive their care at or near their homes - this is particularly true for people living with terminal illness."

"With these exciting new proposals we are setting out to meet our patients needs, taking our specialist care to them at home."

Dr Claire Stockdale, Severn Hospice consultant in palliative medicine, said: "We have actively sought out and listened to the views of the region's GPs and district nurses and we are convinced this approach will reach more patients and provide greater support to people during what is an incredibly stressful time in their life."

The new proposals will see the day hospice replaced by the new service which will take the hospice's care and support into the community.

Vicar returns to her roots



Kathy and George Trimble

A vicar is returning home to the Shropshire border to care for village parishes to the south of Oswestry.

As a young girl, Reverend Kathy Trimby lived in Four Crosses and says she is delighted to be back in the area.

On Monday she was licensed to the parishes of Llanyblodwel, Llanymynech, Morton and Trefonen by the Bishop of Lichfield, The Rt Revd Jonathan Gleddhill at St Philip and St James Church, Morton.

Rev Trimby, 47, is moving from the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, in the West of Ireland, where she has been for the last 10 years.

She is the daughter of a clergyman, Rev Canon Clive Southerton, who was born and raised in Old School House, Four Crosses. Her mother, Marion was from Ardleen.

"This appointment is like coming home and reconnecting with my roots," she said. "I am looking forward to meeting new people."

Authors meet up at town bookshop

AUSTRALIAN author Hannah Kent, writer of the highly acclaimed *Burial Rites*, met a like-minded author when she spoke at a function at a Shropshire book store.

The writer was appearing at Books Bookshop in Oswestry when she met Shropshire author Edward Hancox, a writer who shares her love of Iceland.

Burial Rites tells the story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir, and is set in northern Iceland.

It has been nominated for several literary awards, including the Guardian First Book Award, and the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.

Debut author Edward Hancox, who lives near Bridgnorth, was inspired to write *Iceland*, *Defrosted* after falling in love with the country on his first visit more than 9 years ago.

Several more visits and 80,000 words later, his book was published by Silverwood Books of Bristol.

The authors exchanged books and spent a while chatting about all things Icelandic during the Oswestry function.

Mr Hancox said: "It was a real pleasure to meet Hannah. I've just finished *Burial Rites* and thoroughly enjoyed it."

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Friends launch appeal

AN appeal for help has gone out from a community group which is planning an event to mark the start of the World War I.

The Chirk Hospital Circle of Friends is staging the event on July 26 at Chirk Parish Hall.

An appeal has gone out for letters from the Front, poems and photographs relating to Chirk.

Anyone who can help is asked to call Mr Greasley on (01691) 777527.

Sport is the secret for 100 year old Leah Webb

LEAH Webb says taking up sport in her late 90s helped her reach her 100th birthday.

Mrs Webb, from Forden, celebrated her landmark with a party at the village community centre.

She and her husband fell in love with mid Wales when they were evacuated to Newtown from London during the Second World War.

They returned to the South of England at the end of the war but then returned and settled in Forden on retirement just over 40 years ago.

A widow for 34 years, Mrs Webb threw herself into the community when her husband died.

She helped to run the Forden Youth Club and also the badminton club until she was in her mid 80s.

She even found herself a job, working with Mervyn Hughes caterers at the Welshpool Smithfield until she was 83.

But it was her bowling that was her real joy. She carried on until she was 98 in the indoor bowls league at Welshpool and played a match for Forden Women's Institute after that.

She said: "Sport has a great way of bringing people together and there are always different standards for people to play at. So I say 'keep going' to anyone that asks. You should only stop when you are physically unable to carry on or simply stop enjoying it; not when someone tells you to stop because they think you are too old!"

Mrs Webb only gave up driving in 2009 when bills for her MOT and her insurance rose.



Mrs Webb with Mr Lewis

Her daughter, Mrs Roz Bates, said her mother, who turned 100 on March 22, is a remarkable woman who still lived in her own home.

"She still goes along to Forden W.I. and still goes shopping with a friend once a week."

Councillor Peter Lewis, Chairman of Montgomeryshire Shires Committee, was among those helping Mrs Leah to celebrate her birthday.

"She is a truly remarkable woman and has done much to help the community of Forden over the years," he said.

Festival bosses reveal line-up of local talent

A LINE-UP of local bands will feature at Osfest's fifth birthday next month.

With big names, from Union J and Conor Maynard to Wilkinson and Elyar Fox, already signed up to the two-day festival, organisers say they are delighted to have got together a strong list of emerging bands from the region's music scene.

Oswestry firm 7th Sense is holding the event, which is set for May 24 and 25.

Carly Woodward, for Osfest, said: "We have another multi-act line-up, with massive names already confirmed such as Union J, Conor Maynard, Wilkinson, Wiley, Nina Nesbitt, Foxes, X-Factor runner-up Luke Friend and recent Radio 1 Top 10 success Elyar Fox.

"As always it is an amazing platform for new emerg-

ing bands to play on the same stage as some of the UK's leading artists.

"We have started booking some fantastic local bands including: Young Braves, Shake Shake GO, Andy O Brian, Thin Vision, Millie and Josh, The Making, The Taste and Oswestry's own Stay Awake."

Oswestry is also helping a local charity.

"This year we are very proud to announce we are partnering The Isabelle Lotie Foundation.

"The foundation will be attending the weekend to raise funds through some fun activities."

Carly added: "We only have 5,000 tickets available for this event so do not miss out."

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NEWS
in briefHoliday changes
to bin collection

HOUSEHOLDERS in the Welshpool area are being warned not to forget there will be changes to recycling and rubbish collections over the Easter holiday period.

For April 14, 15, 16 and 17 there will be no changes, while those scheduled for April 18, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26 will be one day later than usual.

From April 28 all recycling and rubbish kerbside collections will return to the normal day.

For further tips on how to reduce, re-use and recycle more of your rubbish visit www.facebook.com/recycleforpowys

More could claim
help with heating

MORE than 130 homes in Mid Wales have benefited from a scheme to help people warm their homes.

Wales & West Utilities said its Warm Home Assistance (WHA) scheme has helped 131 households in Mid Wales already and the organisation is urging more people to come forward.

The scheme is open to people who live in an area where mains gas is not available.

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Minister calls for farmers to take more responsibility

by Graham Breeze

LOCAL landowners and farmers should be given more responsibility for clearing out brooks and streams on their property, Owen Paterson has suggested.

The Environment Secretary and north Shropshire MP said one of the key lessons from devastating floods this winter was the need to push maintenance of waterways "back down" to a more local level.

He also insisted much of the criticism aimed at the Environment Agency - including by his Cabinet colleague Eric Pickles - had been "unfair".

The comments came as Mr Paterson gave evidence to MPs on the Commons Environment Committee.

Mr Paterson did not refer directly to the Communities Secretary's TV appearance in which he questioned the EA's "expertise" and said he would not be campaigning to save the job of chairman Lord Smith.

But he made clear that he regarded much of the criticism as unwarranted. "I think if you are in public life and a public figure then you have to expect to get flack," he said. "I think a lot of it was unfair, as I have said the organisation was protecting a very significant number of properties."

Mr Paterson stressed the importance of public-private partnerships in helping to prevent floods or lessen their impact, and pointed out that traditionally landowners had often played a role maintaining brooks and streams.

"So I think that one of the real lessons is to see more partnership activities."

Mr Paterson said: "I think we should face up to the fact of going back to the landowners and farmers who understand their own area best and with minimum interference from the Environment Agency, just supervising... that should be pushed back down."

Funding boost for Tidy group

A £1million boost has been given to a group which aims to keep Wales a better and cleaner place to live.

Keep Wales Tidy has been given £1.09m by the Welsh Assembly to help its work across the country.

Alun Davies, minister for Natural Resources, said: "Keep Wales Tidy works hard to help ensure a clean, safe and tidy Wales and I am pleased to announce over £1 million to continue to support their good work."

"It is really important that we all feel proud of where we live. I look forward to seeing this funding being put to good use to tackle problems such as fly tipping, dog fouling and littering to improve people's local environments right across Wales."

Lesley Jones, chief executive of Keep Wales Tidy, said: "Without the support of Welsh Government, we would not be able to continue with our vital work in communities across Wales, helping people to understand and look after our environment."

Treat for young and old



Senior citizens enjoyed school visit

THE young and old in Whittington got together for a sing-song as part of a project aimed at strengthening links between a primary school and the community.

About 25 children from Whittington Primary School performed a mini-concert in front of elderly people at the village's senior citizens' hall in Station Road. In return the pupils were able to enjoy home made cakes and drinks laid on for them.

There has been a growing link between the school and the senior citizens club in recent months. Once a month the school takes up a two-course "school dinner" to the hall which members sign up for in advance.

Gill Roberts from the club said: "We enjoy the links we have with the primary school."

A spokesman for the school said: "It is extremely important that we have links with the local community. Hopefully the children will learn about being part of the community."

Price of houses below average

HOUSE prices in Shropshire grew at a slower rate than any other part of the West Midlands in the first quarter of 2014, new figures have shown.

The average property in the county is now worth £171,955 after a year-on-year rise of just one per cent during the first three months of the year. In the final three months of 2013, selling prices had risen by four per cent.

By comparison, the West Midlands as a whole saw a 6.8 per cent increase in value over the period, and Worcestershire, the best performing sub-region, rose by 11 per cent.

The county is still well ahead of the West Midlands average house price, which is now £154,690.

But Shropshire saw the rapid increases of recent months tail off badly at the beginning of the new year.

In Mid and West Wales, prices grew by five per cent in the first quarter compared with the same three months at the beginning of 2013, to leave the average selling price at £146,927.

That compared with a flat year-on-year performance in the last quarter of 2013.

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Publican's praise for heart-scan company



Garry Brennan behind the bar at the Griffin Inn

AN NHS patient who was told he needed a heart scan has praised an Oswestry company that saved him from putting pressure on local hospitals.

Gary Brennan, 46, landlord of the Griffin Inn, Leg Street, Oswestry, said he was amazed at the changes made to the NHS over the past few years which have increased the choice available.

Earlier this month he was referred for a routine heart scan by his GP and envisaged a long trip to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital which would take a whole day, causing problems with running his busy pub.

But instead he went to Physiological Measurements Ltd (PML), based in The Old Malt House, Willow Street, Oswestry, during his lunch break a few days later.

"I was offered a drink and a sit down, I was nervous but they talked me through everything and relaxed me. It was better than I expected, a very personal experience. They don't mess about, it is great for the people of Oswestry to have such high standard of care on their doorstep."

PML started offering ultrasounds and medical tests in 2007 and has won a series of awards for the services it offers across the UK.

Town backs plans for electricity substation

COUNCILLORS have called for the demolition of a 19th century building in Oswestry to be carried out with care after hearing it played a "major part" in the history of the town.

Energy giant Scottish Power is planning to demolish its Oswestry town centre electrical substation base, including the 19th century building, and replace it as part of a £14 million modernisation programme.

The firm wants to knock down the Coney Green premises and construct a new 33kV switchroom, 11kV substation and transformer.

Although the final decision on whether the demolition can go ahead lies with Shropshire Council, Oswestry town councillors have been asked for their opinion.

Councillor Martin Bennett said the site had a "fascinating" history.

He said: "This is actually quite an interesting and potentially challenging application."

"That little building has

played a major part in the history of Oswestry, it being formerly a chapel, and then the site of one of the first electricity generating stations in the town."

Cllr Bennett suggested that in their hearts, members of the team did not want to see the building demolished but their hearts would tell them the electricity upgrade was essential.

"Nobody would thank them if the lights started going out," he said.

Cllr Bennett suggested that the town council support the demolition of the building but also ask for the new building which is being proposed to be redesigned so it reflects more closely the existing building.

by Iain St John

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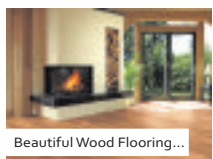


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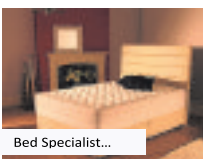


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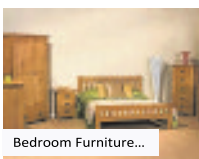
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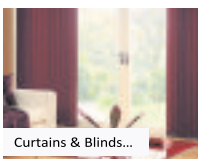
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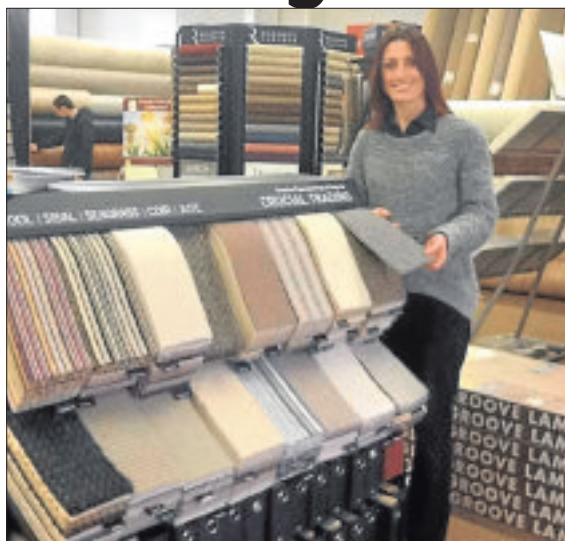
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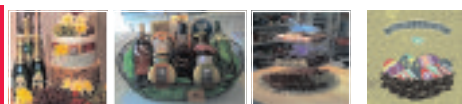
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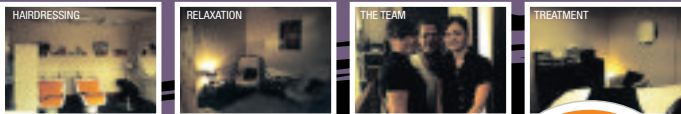
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The previous tea room and gallery have been expertly renovated to become the new Potting Shed Café.

Stylish

Set in Glansevern's large Georgian courtyard, the café is a stylish, comfortable and atmospheric space in which visitors can enjoy food of the highest standard, prepared using ingredients from local producers and Glansevern's walled garden.

The inside space has been redesigned and refurbished with homely and garden-inspired features and updated facilities. The Potting Shed Café is planning a number of exclusive evening events – keep an eye on the website for further details.

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The stunning Glansevern Hall

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Mercedes Shrewsbury

C-Class is now making its mark

By Andy Enright

The Mercedes C-Class has grown up a little, and in doing so has become a force to be reckoned with.

The latest Mercedes-Benz C-Class range offers more space, an interior that's leagues ahead of its predecessor, the option of air suspension and some very slick infotainment and technological features.

The C-Class ought to have been all that the company knows about luxury saloons distilled into a smaller form, but for many years it was instead a car that was short on quality and long on price tag.

The 2007 model repaired much of its reputation and the subsequent 2011 facelift brought even more features and better efficiency, but in this country, the C-Class always lagged a distant third in the compact executive sales charts behind the BMW 3 Series and the Audi A4.

Much has changed in the interim though. The introduction of a smaller four-door saloon, the CLA, has allowed the C-Class to become a bit bigger and a good deal more luxurious. The latest car is a fresh design from the ground up and it shows.

Although there will doubtless be a turbo-charged AMG tarmac-tearer in the works,

'It's clear this is where a good deal of the development budget has been spent'

the C-Class has for some time been, and will continue to be, focused on comfort and refinement.

It's clear this is where a good deal of the development budget has been spent in differentiating this generation car from the BMW 3 Series, the Audi A4 and the much-improved Lexus IS.

To that end, it's the first car in its class to offer air suspension. This comes with an Agility Select switch which allows the driver to select between Comfort, ECO, Sport, Sport+ and Individual settings.

The diesel engines include a 2.1-litre C220 BlueTEC unit good for 170PS, plus you can talk to your dealer about feebler C200 BlueTEC and pokier C250 BlueTEC offerings. Petrol-wise, there's a 184PS C200 unit. Granted, it's not a very wide range of engines to duke it out with BMW

and Audi but expect more exciting options to arrive in due course.

The C300 BlueTEC Hybrid combines a four-cylinder 204PS diesel engine with a compact 27PS electric motor and looks interesting, as does the prospect of a plug-in hybrid model. In the here and now, there's a choice of two six-speed manual transmissions or an improved version of the 7G-Tronic automatic gearbox. The electromechanical Direct Steer system is also fitted as standard.

Looking at the exterior of this C-Class, you'd be forgiven for thinking that this was the most conservative of styling directions. Any notionally car-literate person would be able to tell you it was a Mercedes C-Class, even if they'd never clapped eyes on the thing before. It's tidily executed, with hints of the latest S-Class in its detailing.

Drop inside and you'll see where this Mercedes differentiates itself. It's radically different to its predecessor with a broad centre console swooping between the front occupants.

Prices for the C200 petrol start at around £27,000, while for a C200 BlueTEC diesel, you'll pay from around £29,500. There are three trim levels, SE, Sport and AMG Line.

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Technician Andy on a high with his charity fundraiser

A staff member from the Greenhouse bodyshop in Shrewsbury has completed the adventure of a lifetime after climbing Mount Kilimanjaro at the end of February.

Andy Griffiths, a technician based at Old Potts Way, took on the challenge with a friend to raise money for charity.

Andy and his friend Andrew Stennet trekked up the highest free-standing mountain in the world in aid of Cancer Research UK and Epilepsy Research UK, raising over £3,500.

It took them five days to reach the top and a further three-day trek to get back down.

The pair hosted a number of fundraising events in the year, leading up to the challenge, including a 'Ladies Night' back in August, and an auction event with a live band that took place at C21 in Shrewsbury in October.

Andy said, "This challenge has been the hardest thing I have ever completed and it has been a major project to organise from start to finish. From training, arranging fundraising events, collecting sponsors, increasing aware-

ness via social media and press and, of course, the final expedition.

"The charities we chose to support are close to home for both of us which is why this challenge has been so important. We wouldn't have been able to do it if it wasn't for the support we have received from friends, family and anyone else who has donated money or attended our fundraising events."

Andy concluded: "We would like to thank everyone who has helped us. If anyone else would like to donate, please visit www.justgiving.com/teams/Kilimanjarochallenge"



Service plans proving popular

Greenhouse has started the year with a bang after signing up a record number of customers to the Greenhouse service plan scheme.

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Geoff Lowe, aftersales manager at Greenhouse Vauxhall Telford said: "It has been a great start to the year for the aftersales team. The transforma-

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Drivetime

Škoda scores at awards

By David Banner

ŠKODA UK scooped two prestigious accolades at this year's Fleet News Awards which took place at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

The 'Oscars' of the fleet calendar, the annual event recognises the best-performing businesses and individuals within the sector during the last 12 months.

The panel of judges, made up of members of the Fleet News editorial team as well as industry experts, voted the Škoda Octavia Estate the 'Best Estate Car' for its combination of affordability and space,

in addition to its range of efficient power plants. The Superb Estate, a winner of the category for the last two years, once again came highly-acclaimed in the same class.

In what proved to be a busy night for the vehicle manufacturer, the Škoda Yeti was also named 'Best Crossover', a model praised by the panel for quality, versatility and low rate of depreciation, and offering a very appealing and solid proposition to fleet operators.

Workhorse

Judge Stephen Briers, editor of Fleet News said: "The Octavia Estate has the best balance of space versus cost in this category."

"An excellent choice of efficient engines combined with strong driver appeal,



'Škoda Yeti was named Best Crossover, a model praised for quality, versatility and low rate of depreciation'

makes it an ideal option as a stylish and flexible workhorse.

"Škoda's second winner, Yeti, is a good all-rounder, with excellent running costs and the flexibility offered by on-road or (genuine) off-road options.

"The 2013 facelift made an already great car even better. Excellent build quality and very strong used values add to the perfect package."

Patrick McGillicuddy, head of fleet Škoda UK said: "We are extremely proud to have received these two prestigious indus-

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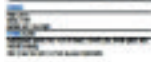
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Spring offers on Suzuki models

Suzuki has chosen to put a spring in car buyers' steps with Alto, Splash, Swift and SX4 available under the brand's VAT-free campaign, running until the end of June.

The popular Alto SZ model will continue to be available from £5,999, which represents a £1,200 customer saving on list price. Splash 1.0-litre SZ2 is available from £7,999, Swift 1.2 SZ2 three-door at £8,999 and the SX4 1.6 SZ3 available for £10,495.

Suzuki is also continuing its flexible Personal Contract Purchase offers until the end of June. Alto SZ is available for a deposit of £869 followed by one payment of £125 then 41 monthly payments of £99 with the option to pay a final balloon payment of £2,235 at the end of the agreement to keep the car.

Moving up the small car range to the Splash SZ2 1.0-litre, the latest PCP offer has a low deposit of £929 followed by 48 monthly payments of £125 and an optional final payment of £2,883.

The good news also continues for Swift buyers; as an example, the SZ2 three-door at £8,999 remains available for a deposit of only £156 followed by 42 monthly payments of £156 and an optional final payment of £3,683.

The PCP offers include the latest model Swift 1.3 DDiS which has CO2 emissions of just 101g/km and offers 72.4mpg on the combined cycle.

The SX4 S-Cross range is available from £14,999 and there are a range of finance options to help buyers find a payment option that suits them.

Jeep Renegade looks set to make inroads in sector

Jeep's baby Renegade might have the traditionalists up in arms, but that's not going to stand in the way of some big sales, writes Andy Enright.

The Jeep Renegade is a genuinely smart piece of product design, distilling Jeep's brand values into a smaller package while leaning on the smartest technology the Fiat Group has to offer.

Every once in a while, a car is unveiled at a motor show completely hijacks the media agenda. At Geneva in 2014, it was the Jeep Renegade.

Look a little closer and it's easy to see why. It's a car that will have Jeep

die-hards choking on their beer. For a start it's based on the underpinnings of the Fiat 500L, instantly opening it to criticisms that it's not a 'real' Jeep. File that one under 'who cares?'.

It's a mere 4.2 metres long, so while the styling suggests that it looks much like a Wrangler, in the metal there's a dinky, toy-like quality to it. Don't underestimate it though. Under that metal-work is some proper engineering.

Jeep has initially earmarked six different engines for the European market; three petrols and three diesels. These comprise 168bhp turbo and

138bhp non-turbo versions of Fiat's 1.4-litre 16-valve MultiAir four-cylinder unit, plus a normally aspirated 2.4-litre four with 184bhp that's really more targeted at Continental Europe.

Jeep lists four different transmissions on offer, depending on engine choice. There are four-speed and five-speed manuals, a six-speed dual-clutch automatic and a nine-speed conventional automatic.

Jeep needed an entrant in the growing small crossover segment and the Renegade looks like a competitive entrant into this growing sector.



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Performance and practicality

By David Banner

Kia's first high-performance model, the pro_cee'd GT, has now been joined by a five-door version, the cee'd GT, offering all the performance-enhancing styling and equipment features of the three-door car with an added dash of practicality. The new five-door performance model sits at the pinnacle of Kia's European-designed, European-engineered and European-built mid-sized hatchback range and is available in two versions – the cee'd GT costing £20,495, and the cee'd GT Tech priced at £22,995.

Both are powered by a turbocharged version of Kia's 1.6-litre direct-injection petrol engine, delivering 201bhp and 265Nm of torque. With a 0-60mph time of 7.4 seconds and a top speed of 143mph they deliver scintillating performance, but have also been tuned with everyday usability and civility in mind.

Re-tuned suspension ensures they are more than capable of handling the impressive power and torque outputs. Increased damper rebound and compression rates, stiffer springs and bushes and a larger rear

‘Already sporty lines have been embellished with performance-car additions’

anti-roll bar are joined by stylish 18in alloy wheels shod with Michelin Pilot Sport 3 tyres.

The steering has been tuned for a more direct and sporting feel and the Flex Steer function, which allows drivers to select from three levels of power assistance in other versions of the cee'd, has been removed for the GT. The brakes – 300mm ventilated discs at the front and 262mm at the rear – are the most powerful ever fitted to the cee'd range.

Already sporty lines have been embellished with performance-car additions which give the GT models their own unique look, and it is the same story for the high-quality interior.

The 1.6-litre 'Gamma' engine is the first turbocharged petrol unit to be offered by Kia in the UK. The addition of an

exhaust-driven turbocharger raises the power output of the normal Gamma direct-injection engine by 51 per cent and the amount of torque it develops by 61 per cent for truly exciting performance.

The T-GDi (Turbocharged Gasoline Direct injection) engine develops its 201bhp at 6,000rpm, but what really gives the GT its instantaneous response and rapid acceleration is the 265Nm of torque available without interruption from 1,750rpm to 4,500rpm.

The cee'd GT accelerates from 37 to 60mph in fourth gear in only 5.4 seconds and from 50 to 75mph in fifth gear in 7.3 seconds – indicators of the supreme flexibility and immediacy of the T-GDi engine. More than 80 per cent of maximum torque is available from less than 1,500rpm.

The performance-oriented exterior design is echoed inside the all-black five-seat cabin. The driver and front passenger are gripped by Recaro sports seats – as in the pro_cee'd GT – adorned with 'GT' and 'Recaro' logos. Power-adjustable lumbar support is fitted to both front seats.

The cee'd GT, like every Kia, comes with a seven-year, 100,000-mile fully transferable warranty. Servicing is required every 12 months or 10,000 miles, whichever comes soonest. Retail customers are able to take advantage of Kia's Care-3 and Care-3 Plus all-inclusive servicing packages, which provide inflation-proof routine maintenance for the first three or five services.



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Modern bungalow has fantastic country views

A well placed country bungalow, Bryn Craig a Moelfre, Oswestry, has excellent views over adjoining countryside as well as landscaped gardens and a new kitchen and shower room. With double glazing and oil central heating it also has a porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms (bedroom three/dining room) and a shower room. In more detail the lounge has an open fire-

place and the kitchen has built in appliances including an oven, hob and extractor hood. Bedrooms one and two have built-in wardrobes. The wet room has both wall and floor tiling, and includes a walk-in shower recess and chrome heated towel rail. A shared drive leads to a hardstanding area for two cars and a single garage. The landscaped gardens are well laid out

with lawns to the front and side of the bungalow and a raised flowerbed. The terraced rear gardens have two flights of steps leading to a lawned and paved seating area with far-reaching views over the bungalow and across the valley. The agents have set a guide price of £249,950. Call Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 to arrange a viewing.



Detached village home set in lovely landscaped gardens

A comfortable three-bed detached bungalow in a private position is for sale at offers around £225,000. Number 6 The Hollies, St Martins, includes a hall, cloakroom, spacious living/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, gas central heating, partial double glazing, driveway and attractively landscaped gardens. There is also an attached double garage and garden room extension (possible fourth bedroom or study). Early viewing is strongly recommended - call Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222.



Immaculate four-bed house convenient for town centre

Burcot House, Oak Drive, is an immaculate detached house convenient for Oswestry town centre. It has an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, four bedrooms, one en-suite, and a bathroom. The house benefits from double glazing, gas central heating, driveway, garage and neatly kept rear garden with lawn and patio. The property is priced at £249,995. Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 to arrange a viewing.

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- Utility/Shower Rm, Games Rm (could be used as a ground floor bed/annex)
- Master Bedroom (with En-suite), Bedroom 2 (with En-suite)
- 3 other Bedrooms served by Family Bathroom, Study/Bedrm 6
- Private gardens to rear, graveled paved seating areas
- Large graveled driveway. uPVC D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating C



Celyn House Weston Rhyn £315,000

- Substantial Detached 5 Bedroom Property in a generous plot
- The property is believed to date from circa 1900
- 3 Reception Rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cellar
- Ground Floor Bathroom, 5 Bedrooms (2 en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Mature and well maintained gardens with ample off-road parking
- Oil central heating and hardwood double glazing. EPC Rating



Maesbrook £180,000

- Semi-Detached Bungalow set in just under 1/2 acre of gardens and adjoining woodland.
- Situated in open countryside with excellent views to the front and rear
- Sun Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Excellent gardens to front and rear and amenity woodland
- Private drive and a large integral garage.
- Oil central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating



Beaconsfield Terrace £104,995

- Deceptively spacious Grade II Listed Terrace House
- Numerous period features
- Living Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally the property benefits from a rear yard
- Gas fired central heating.



Meadowbrook Crt Gobowen £104,995

- A well appointed 2 Bedroom Leasehold Bungalow
- Set on the popular Meadowbrook Court Retirement Complex
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom also including Wet Room Shower
- Large integral garage. Private courtyard style garden to rear
- Surrounded by spacious communal gardens. EPC Rating D



Rhosyllan House St Martins £180,000

- Substantial 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with garage & off-road parking
- The property has been extensively modernised by the current owners
- Lounge, Inner Hallway/Study, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with a large garage & allocated parking area
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating E



Oswald Place Oswestry £139,995

- A well maintained 3 Bedroom Town House with a host of original features
- Kitchen, Lounge, Cloakroom, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Master Bedroom and adjoining Dressing Room
- (with potential for conversion into en-suite or separate bedrm)
- Externally the property has a private courtyard style garden
- Gas C/H with underfloor heating to ground floor & D/G. EPC Rating F



Hampton Road Oswestry £243,995

- A well presented 3 Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow
- The property has been extended by the current owner
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
- Master Bed with adjoining WC, 2 further Beds & Family Bathroom
- Good size rear garden, single garage & 2 driveways
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating D



Oak Drive Oswestry £249,995

- Superb 4 Bed Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 Beds, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Ample Off-Road Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, EPC Rating C



Coopers Field St Martins £114,995

- Well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 3 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Good size low maintenance gardens
- Separate rear access point
- D/G & Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



The Cross Gobowen £249,995

- Period Detached house extensively renovated
- Entrance Hall, Cellar, Lounge, Family Room
- Study, Dining Room Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility, Cloaks, Master Bedroom (En-Suite)
- 3 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size garden to rear & ample off-road parking
- Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



Watkin Drive Oswestry £395,000

- An impressive and spacious Detached House
- Reception Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Rm with bay
- Large Conservatory, Separate Dining Rm
- Study, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 4 Beds, Shower Rm & Luxury Family Bathrm
- Gas C/H, D/G, delightful gardens,
- Dble garage. EPC Rating D



Springfield Gardens West Felton £215,000

- Detached Bungalow in Popular Village Location
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm
- Recently Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
- Recently Fitted Bathroom, 2 Beds
- Large Drive, Single Garage, WC
- uPVC D/G, Fascias & Soffits
- Oil C/H. EPC Rating D



Henley Drive Oswestry £184,995

- Immaculately presented Detached Family Home
- Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Utility, Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms (master bed en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Ample off-road parking & single integral garage
- Gas C/H, D/G, uPVC fascias & soffits
- Enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C



Heritage Way Llanymynech £119,995

- An End Terrace Property on a corner plot
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size private rear garden with patio
- 2 designated parking spaces & vegetable garden
- uPVC D/G and propane Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



Delfan Pant £189,995

- Well appointed & spacious Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Living Rm, Dining Rm, Kitchen
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- Double glazing and Oil C/H. EPC Rating D



St Martins Rd Gobowen £40,000

- Commercial property extending to approx 350 sq. ft. (32 sq. m.)
- Could be used for a host of future uses (subject to any necessary planning consents)
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- The property is situated with a cul-de-sac location
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Trinity Close Gobowen £144,995

- Well presented semi-detached property
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Cloaks, modern Kitchen/Dining Rm
- 3 Beds (Master En-suite), 2 further Beds & Bathrm
- Rear garden with decked area & raised patio
- Off road parking, D/G & Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



Roundwood Close Oswestry £139,995

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in a popular area
- Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom.
- Ample off-road parking, detached garage and low maintenance gardens
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D



Victoria Street Oswestry £129,995

- Spacious and well located Detached property
- The property requires some modernisation
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen
- 3 Beds, Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Garden to rear, single garage & driveway
- Gas C/H, part uPVC D/G. EPC Rating F



West Place Gobowen £97,500

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room
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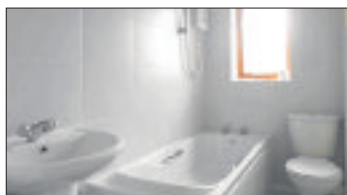


Town house retains attractive period features

A spacious five-bedroom terraced house with many period features is on the market with Woodhead Estates, who are seeking offers around £219,950.

Number 18 Ferrers Road, Oswestry, benefits from two reception rooms, kitchen/ diner, utility, gas central heating and an enclosed rear garden.

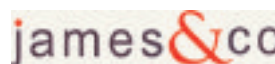
The agents recommend an early viewing to appreciate this property's location, presentation and accommodation. Call Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com for more details.



Two-bedroom village semi has been updated

A recently modernised two-bedroom semi-detached house in a popular village near Oswestry is on the market with James & Co. Number 45 Applewood Heights, West Felton, comprises a living room, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

To the front is a driveway with parking for two or three vehicles. A path leads round the side to a good-sized rear garden which is laid to gravel for ease of maintenance. The property is priced at £112,950. Contact James & Co on 01691 657077 or visit www.jamesandcoproperty.co.uk to find out more.



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A recently refurbished semi detached house in a popular village with easy access to the road network, comprising modern breakfast kitchen, living room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off street parking. EER - D.

£112,950

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OSWESTRY

A new build contemporary town house situated on the edge of the town centre, comprising open plan living with fully fitted kitchen, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, two further good sized bedrooms, family bathroom, rear patio and parking for two vehicles.

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RHOS-Y-BRITHDIR

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OSWESTRY

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£375 pcm

GLYN CEIRIOG

A modern ground floor apartment situated within the centre of the village, comprising open plan kitchen and living area with decked sitting area, two good sized bedrooms, bathroom and designated parking. EER - C, £450 Deposit, £200 Standard Fees.

£450 pcm

OSWESTRY

A recently refurbished, first floor, one bedroom apartment situated on the edge of Oswestry town centre. The accommodation comprises a modern kitchen/diner, spacious living room, double bedroom and bathroom with shower. EER - F, £650 Deposit, £200 Standard Fees.

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Well-kept terrace offers a good-sized garden

A charming, well maintained two-bedroom terraced house within walking distance of Oswestry town centre is on the market at £119,950. Benefiting from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing, 9 West Street includes two reception rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a good-sized lawned garden to the rear which is enclosed by fencing. Viewing is highly recommended by the agents. Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or email sales@townandcountryoswestry.com to find out more.



Revamped rural retreat in a beautiful setting

A refurbished five-bedroom detached property with superb views is for sale at a guide price of £400,000. Bryn Paenod, Llanfechain, is set in large gardens and has well appointed accommodation with oil-fired central heating and double glazing. There is a breakfast kitchen with range cooker, drawing room, sun room, inner hall, study/utility, lounge, cloakroom and library. An open staircase leads to a galleried landing off which are two bedrooms and a bathroom. Three further bedrooms and a bathroom are reached via the original staircase which rises to the main landing. Call JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 to arrange a viewing.



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- Linear gardens affording lawns & borders
- Elevated location with views down the valley
- Available with No Onward Chain
- EPC Rating = 18 (G)

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NEW



Bryn Craig, Moelfre, SY10 7QL

£249,950

- Well located three bedroom country bungalow
- Double glazed, oil-fired central heating, garage
- Newly Installed fitted kitchen and shower room
- Landscaped gardens with elevated seating area
- Excellent views over the adjoining countryside
- Popular rural location in picturesque valley
- EPC Rating = 51 (E)

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NEW



25 Wats Drive, Oswestry

£124,999

- Semi detached 3 bedroom house
- Lounge with Victorian style fireplace
- L-shaped fitted kitchen
- Gas-fired central heating and double glazing
- On-site parking, Close to the town centre
- EPC Rating = 52 (E). No Chain

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NEW



Frondeg, Cyfronydd, Welshpool

£185,000

- Detached Bungalow with attached garage
- L-Shaped Sitting/Dining, Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Oil Fired Heating, UPVC Double Glazed
- Semi-rural setting with fields to side and rear
- Energy efficiency rating = 32

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NEW



3 Coed Y Bryn, Welshpool

£109,950

- Modern 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Kitchen/Diner, Sitting Room, Bath-room
- Part Gas Fired Heating, Double Glazed
- Enclosed front and rear gardens
- Ideal First Time Buy / Investment
- Energy efficiency rating = 71

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2 King Street, Oswestry

£155,000

- Well situated commercial premises
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NEW



1 Cambrian Terrace, Llansantffraid

£119,500

- Two bedroom end terrace house in well served village
- LPG-fired c/heating, d/glazing, Multi-fuel stove to living room
- Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Attractive enclosed rear garden, on-site parking
- Well maintained accommodation throughout
- EPC Rating = 26 (F). No Chain

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3 Bed End-Terr, Gas CH, D/G, FTE, (EER=49)	£475 pcm (£475 deposit)
2 Bed Sem, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58)	£480 pcm (£580 deposit)

GOBOWEN

1 Bed F/F Flat, FTE, No Pets. (EER=68)	£250 pcm (£350 deposit)
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2 Bed Semi-Det Cott, FTE, No Pets, No Children. (EER=31)	£490 pcm (£590 deposit)
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3 Bed Det, Oil C/H, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=60)	£595 pcm (£695 deposit)
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3 Bed Semi Oil C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=39)	£485 pcm (£585 deposit)
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MORDA

2 Bed Mid-Terr, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=53)	£375 pcm (£500 deposit)
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NEW PRICE



Penylan Mill Farmhouse, Coed-y-Go

£249,950

- Character property requiring refurbishment
- 3 double bedrooms
- 3 receptions & living kitchen
- On-site parking and gardens
- Rural outlook over adjoining fields
- Offering potential to provide a family home
- Energy Efficiency Rating - 16 (G)

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Bryn Tanat, Llangedwyn
Price: £299,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

This property is set in a most idyllic rural position overlooking the Tanat Valley and River Tanat. Dating back to the 1700's this extended family home sits well within its 4.5 acres of pasture and woodland.

- In need of Updating
- Character & Charm
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Motte-and -Bailey Castle Pasture Lane, Woodland
- Current EPC Rating G

Contact Oswestry



Fron Derw, Froncysyllte
Price: £275,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached family home set within 3 acres of mature gardens, pasture land and woodland. In need of some modernisation this family home offers two reception rooms and three bedrooms with superb views of the Vale of Llangollen. This property benefits from outbuildings and cottage gardens. Current EPC Rating E.

Contact Oswestry



Ochoryffordd, Nr Llanrhaeadr
Price: £399,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

A superbly presented detached family home dating back to the early 19th century and set in a glorious rural location surrounded by magnificent countryside, and offering versatile accommodation in combination with excellent equestrian facilities. This property offers character and charm throughout. Current EPC Rating E.

Contact Oswestry



Wern-Ddu-Fach, Penybontfawr
Price: £385,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

Set in approximately 5.5 acres and enjoying magnificent rural views, Wern-Ddu-Fach offers versatile and well proportioned accommodation presented to a high standard. Featuring a magnificent extension to the rear of the original house, the property now boasts a superb galleried Kitchen/Breakfast Room with full width folding doors affording access to the delightful formal grounds. Ideally suited to those seeking a

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Abrahan Court, Oswestry
Price: £75,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

A one bedroom apartment located on the ground floor of a most sought after retirement development of similar properties, a 10 minute walk from Oswestry Town Centre and a 2 minute walk from open countryside.

- With a 24 hour careline
- House Manager on site
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Current EPC Rating B

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Plas Newydd Close, Oswestry
Price: £195,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

A deceptively spacious FOUR BEDROOM house WITH ANNEXE. This semi detached property is 'more than what meets the eye' and only viewing this property will the accommodation be appreciated. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating, benefits from double glazing.

- Kitchen, Lounge
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden, Garage
- Annex

Contact Oswestry



Cambrian Mews, Oswestry
Price: £147,500

NEW
NO CHAIN

This three storey THREE bedroom end of terrace town house is situated within a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre offering immaculate accommodation fitted to a high specification including good quality 'Quick Step' laminate flooring throughout the ground floor.

- R'Hall, WC, Lounge, Kitchen
- Bedroom Two, Family Bathroom
- Bedroom Three, Master Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Parking
- Ideal Investment
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Llanforda Rise, Oswestry
Price: £239,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

This detached bungalow is situated in a most sought after location within Oswestry Town within walking distance to the amenities and a regular bus service passing the door. The property requires some modernisation but does benefit from oil fired central heating and partial UPVC double glazing. The accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Large Lounge Dining Room, Kitchen, Side

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Cliffe Point, Pant
Price: £299,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

A rare opportunity to purchase an imposing South Facing 1920's 'Arts and Craft' style property with superb views to the Hills. Each room has character and individuality but offers the opportunity for a purchaser to impose their own style and taste.

- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Bedroom, Dressing Room
- Bedroom Two with Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry



Craigllwyn, Nr Oswestry
Price: £299,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

A unique opportunity to purchase a converted chapel which has been designed and completed to a high specification throughout. Not only does this property offer character and charm with a contemporary feel it also is fuelled by efficient, fully zone controlled, renewable ground source heating. Located only 2.5 miles from Oswestry Town and near to the popular village of Trefonen this property benefits from open countryside views

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Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry
Price: £165,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

A detached three bedroom family home situated in a pleasant and popular residential area within Oswestry. With open countryside and town amenities available within a few minutes walk this property is available for sale with NO CHAIN and must be viewed to be appreciated.

- Two Recp Rooms, Conservatory
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Garage, Gardens
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Applewood Heights, West Felton
Price: £110,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

A two bedroom property situated in the popular village location of West Felton with good commuter links to both Shrewsbury and Oswestry. An ideal investment purchase or first time buy.

- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Gardens
- Two Parking Spaces
- Double Glazing
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Glas Coed, Pontfadog
Price: £249,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

This beautifully presented three bedroom cottage bungalow has the most wonderful views across the Ceiriog Valley. Located in the picturesque village of Pantfadog which provides a post office, local shops and a river running through.

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens, Parking & Garage
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Honeypot House, West Felton
Price: £274,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

An immaculate three bedroom semi detached barn conversion situated in a sleepy backwater position within the village of West Felton. This barn conversion fuses newly created contemporary interiors with traditional features including exposed roof trusses and circular window.

- Two Reception Rooms
- Contemporary kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Trinity Close, Gobowen
Price: £149,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

A most well presented three bedroom semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac position in the popular village of Gobowen. The property benefits from gas central heating and UPVC double glazing and needs to be viewed to be appreciated.

- 3 Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens
- Parking for 3 Cars
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Lime Grove, Oswestry
Price: £114,995

NEW
NO CHAIN

This family home offers spacious accommodation which has been updated by the current owners. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Dining Kitchen, Lounge
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Enclosed Garden
- Workshop, Parking Spaces
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Kingsbury, Schhol Lane, St Martins
Price: £295,950

NEW
NO CHAIN

Situated in a quiet cul de sac location this four bedroom family home needs to be viewed to be appreciated. The property sits centrally within a good size plot with mature gardens, double garage and ample parking.

- Kitchen Breakfast Room, Utility
- Lounge, Dining Room, Study
- Master Bedroom Suite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Storage, Parking
- Double Garage, Mature Gardens
- Current EPC Rating C

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Llanforda Mead, Oswestry
Price: £245,000

NEW
NO CHAIN

This spacious three bedroom bungalow is situated in a most sought after cul de sac location with landscaped East facing rear garden. This property offers accommodation which is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Reception Hall, Cloakroom,
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen,
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom,
- Parking, Gardens
- Summerhouse, Garden Shed
- Current EPC Rating D

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Kuga range gets a boost

By David Banner

Ford's stylish and eye-catching Titanium X Sport series has joined the new Kuga range to offer the highest specified Ford SUV available, with the following styling, luxury and technology features as standard:

Body styling kit including body colour front, side and rear skirts, spoiler, wheel arches and door claddings. Kit also adds lower centre silver skid plate and rear diffuser.

There is also 19in 5x2-spoke alloy wheels, Sony DAB audio with satellite navigation, rear view camera, Active Park Assist for semi-automated parallel parking,

silver roof rails, privacy glass, power fold mirrors

The new all-wheel-drive Kuga Titanium X Sport, priced at £28,345, inherits an impressive list of other standard equipment such as opening panorama roof, heated front Torino leather seats and 10-way powered driver's seat.

The introduction of a Kuga Titanium X Sport, with 1.6 EcoBoost petrol (150/182PS) or 2.0 TDCi diesel (140/163PS) engines, was prompted by high demand for the Titanium series, which accounted for 80 per cent of sales.

The new Kuga, which arrived in dealerships a year ago, has sent sales soaring by over 40 per cent since March 2013 compared with the 12 months prior.

Among its styling, safety and convenience options is Ford Kuga's hands-free



'Among the options is Ford Kuga's hands-free tailgate, the first to be offered on a medium SUV in Europe'

tailgate, the first to be offered on a medium-sized SUV in Europe.

The £350 option on Kuga Titanium X Sport and Titanium X, which includes keyless opening, enables customers to open the boot without using their hands, but by a gentle kicking motion under the rear bumper.

The innovation was chosen by more than one in five of all Ford Kuga buyers in Britain last year and has already been added to over 56 per cent of early Titanium X Sport orders in the UK.

"Everyone has approached their car with their hands full and wished there was some magical way of opening the boot without having to put the load down first," said Mark Ovenden, chairman and managing director, Ford of Britain.

"Our hands-free tailgate is an ingenious solution and one tailored for new top-end Ford Kuga customers."

The new Kuga spearheads Ford's SUV range which also includes the small EcoSport SUV, on sale now, and will later include the upscale Edge.



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Peugeot bags top award

By David Banner

Last month, during the 84th Geneva Motor Show, the all-new Peugeot 308 was announced as 2014 'Car of the Year', a prestigious title awarded by a jury of journalists representing 22 European countries.

The new Peugeot 308 has already proved to be a huge success for Peugeot less than three months after its official launch.

In fact, in response to high demand and to support the launch of the new 308 SW estate version, Peugeot has announced it will introduce a night shift from June 2, and as a result 600 jobs have been created.

So let's check out Peugeot's latest star car which is sleekly-styled, refined, superbly-equipped and pleasing to drive.

With this latest generation 308 there's a focus on refinement, interior quality and efficiency. The best bit? It's a car which exudes a certain self-confidence and, yes, desirability.

The Peugeot 308 is available with a variety of highly efficient powerplants. The diesel engines are impressively economical while the three-cylinder petrol units are characterful and fun. The petrol engine line-up opens with an 82bhp, 1.2-litre three-cylinder, then there's a choice of either 110 or 130bhp versions of this engine. The zippiest model is the 1.6-litre THP turbo with either 125 or 156bhp.

Go diesel and you're looking at a 1.6-litre turbodiesel, but there are various choices:



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es: the base 92bhp unit is cheapest but the 115bhp e-HDi variant is just as clean and frugal. Even more efficient is the 'BlueHDi' 120bhp unit. The same 'BlueHDi' badge is worn by the single 2.0-litre diesel on offer, which develops 150bhp.

Transmissions available include five and six-speed manuals or a six-speed torque-converter automatic.

The Peugeot 308 has quietly morphed into something very slick, something quintessentially French, despite being benchmarked against a Golf. Its laid-back

demeanour and long-legged loping gait, attributes that hark back to classic Peugeots of the distant past, are qualities more in tune with the way we really use cars today.

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BMW roars back with X3

By David Banner

If there's one quality that'll get you a long way through life, it's resilience.

That ability to take a knock and bounce back is one BMW knows all about. When it launched the original X3 in 2003, it was following up the X5, the car that revolutionised the way SUVs drove. That's quite an act to re-prise. BMW seemed confident – but the X3 was a rare duffer. Over-priced, under-equipped and just not special enough to drive, it was one of Munich's few damp squibs.

Rather than admit defeat, BMW's development crew knocked the car into something very competitive. The second generation X3, launched in 2010, is an altogether more accomplished package that found favour with reviewers right from the outset. Despite that, it remains one of those cars that is better than the public's perception.

The X3 launched in late 2010 and made landfall in UK dealers in early 2011 with just one engine; a 2.0-litre diesel unit.

Since then, the range has been fleshed out, with possibly the most notable addition being the rear-wheel drive X3 sDrive18d, which arrived in late 2012. Most 'faux-by-fours' are front wheel drive, being based on vehicles which usually drive their front wheels and call the back wheels into play when the fronts lose grip.

That's not BMW's way and the sDrive18d is a bit of a curious item as a result, albeit one that's not without its own appeal. At the opposite end of the range, BMW add-

ed the punchy xDrive30d 3.0-litre diesel model and its senior sibling, the 313bhp xDrive35d, in Autumn 2011.

The X3 should have dominated this section of the market but struggled to impose itself. Audi's Q5 scalped a big share of the segment, but BMW ought to have made more capital from the absence of a Mercedes-Benz product. Instead, it was left to Land Rover to usurp both the Germans with its all-conquering Range Rover Evoque.

The X3 was replaced in early 2014 by a facelifted model, recognisable by its full width kidney front grille. The X3 is offered in two trim levels. First up is the 'mainstream' version, the SE. This gets features like leather upholstery, two-zone air conditioning, iDrive controller and colour display, metallic paint, satin aluminium roof rails, 17-inch alloy wheels and Dynamic Stability Control with extended features.

Suspension

The enhanced DSC includes brake drying, brake fade compensation, brake pre-tensioning and hill-start assistant. Go for the M Sport variant and it also features sport suspension, variable sports steering, 18-inch alloy wheels, M sports steering wheel and front seats and a more aggressive body styling kit.

High-grade materials and intelligent packaging are the key aspects of what differentiates this model from its predecessor.

The asymmetrical instrument panel and centre console are orientated towards the driver and there's the iDrive infotainment Used Car Model Guide | BMW X3 (2011 to 2014) system with a 6.5-inch screen as standard. The 8.8-inch high-resolution



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screen of the navigation system in the Professional Multimedia package featured in the BMW X3 was the largest on-board monitor in its segment.

If you've decided that the xDrive20d is the X3 you fancy, then you'll have quite a lot of used stock to choose.

Prices start at £20,500 for a tidy low mileage 11-plated car. SE trim is the most popular and you'll need to tack on around £1,500 for an M Sport model. Fancy the additional power of the XDrive30d? You'll need to budget from £28,000 in that case,

while £32,000 will net you the xDrive35d.

This X3's reliability scores are far better than the first generation model, with the US Spartanburg factory having introduced new quality procedures. Some owners have had minor issues with items like intermittently faulty speedometers and problems with telephone integration but these will have been ironed out under warranty.

The data shows that the X3 is one of the most reliable of all BMWs. Check the wheels for kerb damage, if in doubt, go for a metallic paint finish to help with resale.

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New i3 – electric ride

By David Banner

The BMW i3 isn't going to provoke a massive swing to electric vehicles in the UK but as a boutique suburban scoot, it may well find a profitable niche.

It's offered as a pure electric model or with a tiny 'range extender' auxiliary petrol motor added to keep you motoring when the battery depletes.

If you're of the old school and BMW means shark nosed, six cylinder, ultimate driving machines to you, the Munich company's i3 electric vehicle is going to appear a wholly alien concept. It's a squat little city car riding on 155mm wide tyres. Yet delve a little deeper and it doesn't take long to find a strand of proper BMW DNA. It's revealed in the thinking behind the engineering, the logic that went into making the various decisions. Wherever BMW's engineers could have developed a more focused, technically correct solution, they appear to have done so, allowing for certain cost controls of course.

You might well be part of the 99.98 per cent of British car buying customers that chooses an internal combustion engine over an electric motor. Your next car and the next one after that will probably be powered by fossil fuels. Even if that is the case, have a look at what the BMW i3 offers. It's building a case for electric vehicles that is becoming ever more convincing.

As you might expect from a BMW product, the i3 doesn't want for go. The electric motor is mounted low down within the rear axle which keeps a low centre of gravity and also to improve crashworthiness. The

power unit weighs just 130kg and produces a nominal 168bhp, which means that the i3's power to weight ratio of 141bhp per tonne is just 5bhp per tonne shy of a Honda Civic Type R hot hatch. As with all electric vehicles, the decisive advantage comes in its amount of torque.

In a typical city scoot such as, say, a 1.2-litre Fiat 500, you can count on 102Nm of torque but the BMW i3 generates a hefty 250Nm of muscle. That's about what you'd expect from a Lotus Elise S and the i3 generates instant urge with all that torque available from idle. It's sent to the rear wheels via a single-ratio gearbox that offers the choice of three driving modes: Comfort, Eco Pro and Eco Pro+.

Steering

This translates to a car that's certainly not slow off the mark. It'll get from standstill to 37mph in 3.8sec and to 62mph in 7.2sec, so any Toyota GT-86 sports car drivers will have a very hard time keeping pace with the i3. The top speed is limited to 93mph. Extremely direct steering, a low centre of gravity, a clever DSC stability control system and lightweight body structures add up to very focused driving characteristics. BMW has engineered in a little body roll, largely to clue drivers in to where the limits of those narrow tyres are, but this remains a car you can enjoy hustling along.

Think of the i3 as a car in two halves. The bottom half is almost all aluminium, the upper half almost all carbon fibre. Armed with this information, you can rightly surmise that it doesn't weigh very much. Even with the weight of all those batteries – some 230kg comprised of 96 individual cells kept at an optimum 20deg Centigrade by their own air conditioning unit – the i3



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only tips the scales at 1,195kg. The styling is determinedly modern, with the kidney grille being the key BMW styling signature.

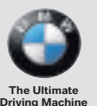
The black hood, roof and glazed hatch are set to become characteristic features for the "i" cars. Adaptive LEDs headlights and floating LED tail lights are standard. The lowered belt line in the rear and absence of a "B" pillar improves visibility while the rear "coach" doors make entry easier. It's not a big car, measuring just 3,999mm long, which is only a tad longer than a Ford Fiesta. With the flat floor, thin seats and low window line, the cabin feels

surprisingly roomy. The instrument cluster and Control Display comprise two screens, one behind the steering wheel and the other at the top of the centre console.

Yes, BMW will sell you one for around £26,000, which is a lot for a city car. But it is really that exorbitant when compared to something like an Audi A1 Sportback, where you'd need to spend £23,000 to get a car that's as quick as the BMW i3. A car built from aluminium and carbon or a mass-production special that shares most of its underpinnings with a humble Skoda Fabia? Your call.

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Representative Example: BMW 320d M Sport Saloon

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4.90% APR	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£11,376.00	£35,578.01	4.9% APR	6.60 pence	

Official fuel economy figures for the BMW 3 Series Saloon range: Extra Urban 43.5 – 78.5mpg (3.6 – 3.6 l/100km), Urban 22.4 – 56.5 mpg (12.6 – 5.0 l/100km) Combined 32.5 – 68.9 mpg (8.7 – 4.1 l/100km) CO2 emissions 202 – 109 g/km. Finance examples are based on BMW Select Agreements for the model(s) selected above. *On the road cash prices are based on manufacturers recommended retail price and include 3 year BMW Dealer warranty, BMW Emergency Service, 12 months road fund license, vehicle first registration fee, delivery, number plates and VAT. **Option to purchase fee and optional final payment payable at the end of the agreement if you decide to purchase the vehicle. Excess mileage charges and vehicle condition charges may be payable if you return the vehicle. Retail customers only. All finance is subject to status and available to over 18's only (excluding the Channel Islands and Isle of Man). Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Advertised finance is provided by BMW Financial Services, Europa House, Bartley Way, Hook Hampshire RG27 9UF. We commonly but not exclusively introduce customers to BMW Financial Services. This introduction does not amount to independent financial advice. Offer(s) available on selected models ordered between 01 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 and registered by 30 June 2014, subject to availability. Prices are correct at time of going online (January 2014) and are subject to change without notice.

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Rate of interest (fixed)	Credit arrangement fee^	Credit completion fee	Option to purchase fee**	Optional final payment	Total amount payable	APR	Excess mileage charge (per mile)	
4.90% APR	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£14,922.00	£41,163.22	4.9% APR	10.20 pence	

Official fuel economy figures for the BMW 520d M Sport Saloon: Extra Urban: 65.7mpg (4.3l/100km), Urban: 47.9mpg (5.9l/100km), Combined: 57.6mpg (4.9l/100km), CO2 emissions 129g/km. Finance examples are based on BMW Select Agreements for the model(s) selected above. *On the road cash prices are based on manufacturers recommended retail price and include 3 year BMW Dealer warranty, BMW Emergency Service, 12 months road fund license, vehicle first registration fee, delivery, number plates and VAT. **Option to purchase fee and optional final payment payable at the end of the agreement if you decide to purchase the vehicle. Excess mileage charges and vehicle condition charges may be payable if you return the vehicle. Retail customers only. All finance is subject to status and available to over 18's only (excluding the Channel Islands and Isle of Man). Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Advertised finance is provided by BMW Financial Services, Europa House, Bartley Way, Hook Hampshire RG27 9UF. We commonly but not exclusively introduce customers to BMW Financial Services. This introduction does not amount to independent financial advice. Offer(s) available on selected models ordered between 01 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 and registered by 30 June 2014, subject to availability. Prices are correct at time of going online (January 2014) and are subject to change without notice.



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New Peugeot city car has sights set high in sector

The Peugeot 108 looks to swing right in at the top of the city car reckoning. Andy Enright takes an early look.

The Peugeot 108 comes to market offering customers a lot of choice and a level of interior sophistication city car buyers won't be accustomed to. The resurgent French marque is looking to stake a major claim in a hotly-contested sector and the 108 looks to have the goods to do just that. The Peugeot 108 is a small car with a big weight of expectation resting upon it. You probably remember its

predecessor, the 107. That car dates right back to 2005 and it's fair to say it probably struggled on a bit too long.

With the 108, Peugeot's task was to wind back the clock in a certain regard, to convince people that a Peugeot city car could compete at the top of the class.

As you probably know, the old Peugeot 107 was part of a three-car family alongside the Toyota Aygo and the Citroen C1, all three models being screwed together in Kolin in the Czech Republic.

It's the same story with the new 108,

which is why it'll come as no great surprise to learn that the 108 is mechanically identical to the Citroen C1. That means you get a choice of a two petrol engines: a VTI 68, available with either a five-speed manual or a five-speed clutchless Efficient Tronic Gearbox (ETG), or in a 1.2-litre VTI 82 guise with a five-speed manual transmission.

The interior of the 108 hinges around a 7in centrally-mounted touch screen system. This display is optional on the Active trim level and standard from Allure up.

The range starts at around £8,300.



Fiesta changes the game

If you thought all the droning on about fuel economy and emissions was boring, try Ford's Fiesta ECONetic, Jonathan Crouch reports.

Efficiency-minded families will prick up their ears at the thought of 85mpg combined cycle and a CO2 return of just 87g/km.

The 1.6-litre TDCi engine in the ECONetic doesn't educe goosebumps when you plant the throttle but it's reasonably punchy.

We had no problem cruising at high speeds on motorways where the refinement remains perfectly acceptable, and in town where you can surf around on the engine's bulging torque curve, it feels genuinely nippy.

The best bit though is the Fiesta's chassis. Ford has a shining reputation for the driving dynamics of its cars and the Fiesta is pretty near the pick of the back.

It feels alive and fast in its responses, cornering with barely a flicker of body roll and more grip than the ECO-

netic's engine could hope to overcome.

Despite the Fiesta's infectious verve through the bends, it still manages to deliver a compliant ride when cruising, the suspension dancing over the lumps and knobblies of the surface. Some are fractionally more comfortable but there isn't a supermini that's better to drive in its mainstream form than the Fiesta.

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Forester – future looks bright

By Graham Breeze

Last year the Forester accounted for 15,000 sales for manufacturer Subaru in Europe, so it's little wonder the company expects even bigger things with the updated model.

Since the Forester was first introduced to the car market way back in 1997, European sales in the SUV-C segment have increased eightfold and the latest model is a real contender in the sector.

Today's Forester 2.0i CVT is a million miles away from the first Subaru I tested, with a high, commanding driving position and vastly improved interior.

In fact it ticks most of the boxes the average SUV buyer demands, with good looks, generous interior space and all-wheel drive capabilities.

The size of the cabin has been increased by expanding the wheelbase and widening the vehicle's body, while cargo capacity has also grown.

The new Forester is 2mm taller than the outgoing model, and is also 15mm wider, and 35mm longer, with a 25mm longer wheelbase.

Subaru designers have significantly improved interior quality using better dashboard materials along with including improvements to steering wheel and gear-shift feel.

Most people will choose the diesel option, as the 148bhp 2.0litre petrol with

automatic gearbox proved a little underpowered and a serious gas guzzler, hardly good for the environment.

All Foresters get permanent four-wheel drive that shuffles power between the front and rear wheels automatically, so traction wasn't an issue. The high-speed ride was good, but things got a bit fidgety at lower speed.

If it's space you're looking for, the Forester is right up there with the best, and access to the large boot is good with 60/40 split rear seats as standard, although they don't fold totally flat, which is a shame as extra storage space is always welcome.

The new Forester is also an exceptionally safe vehicle, indeed it has been awarded the full five-star Euro NCAP crash safety rating.

Anti-whiplash

All Foresters have twin front and side airbags, plus curtain airbags which cover both rows of seats. The active anti-whiplash headrests will also give you better protection from whiplash injuries in a rear-end shunt.

Stability control, hill-start assist and Isofix child-seat mountings are standard on all models. An engine immobiliser is on hand to keep your car safely where you parked it.

All Forester buyers will have the peace-of-mind of a five-year, 100,000 mile warranty, plus a 12-year anti-corrosion guarantee when they purchase.

There are six trim levels for buyers to choose from: XE and XE Premium is available on all naturally-aspirated petrol



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models; X, XC and XC Premium on all diesel models; and XT, which is the highest specification, is standard on 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol versions of the new Forester.

Lineartronic is available on XE and XE Premium models and is fitted as standard to XT versions.

Every Subaru I drive proves so much better than its predecessor and I can't help looking forward to testing the diesel range where I am sure the company will prove a lot more competitive.

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Audi heralds future of driving

By Sharon Walters

This is no science fiction tale, driverless cars are coming, although that may be some years ahead. They will be safer and more reliable than cars of today.

You will get in, programme where you are going and the car will do the rest, even on the busiest of roads.

The ability to take away the steering and give a computer full control of your four wheels is already there, but there are still hoops to jump through to get it on the road.

In the meantime, we can enjoy those cars which take a lot of the strain of getting

from A to B. But we need to take care we actually remain in control as all the gizmos can only protect you so far – at present.

One car on the market which does most of this is Audi's scorching hot RS7 quattro. In fact I can say at times during a recent test, I felt I was already driving remotely. The car didn't really want to have me interfering in what it wanted to do.

Let's start with what's under the bonnet and at the heart of this wolf in sheep's clothing. And that is a V8 4.0 litre TFSI with 560bhp struggling to get out. A lot of power, which means performance is mighty. There is no way you can let this take its head and remain anywhere near legal. It's rather like riding a powerful horse – you have to constantly keep a tight hand on the reins to prevent it running away.



'It's like riding a powerful horse – you have to constantly keep a tight hand on the reins to prevent it running'

The RS7 will get from 0-62mph in 3.9 seconds and on an airfield where I took it for a bit of a sprint, it blasted through 100mph without a toss of its mane and was fast approaching 140mph before I eased off. There was still so much power trying to get out.

The gearbox delivers quick changes and is intelligent enough when left in 'Drive' to give seamless push at any speed. Switch to manual mode and there is a slight delay in changes but nothing to spoil 'normal' driving.

Grip levels are extremely high and this is where I did feel I was being driven even though I was behind the wheel.

When you are not pressing on the engine uses selective cylinder de-activation to turn it into a four-cylinder which boosts the official economy figure to a 28.8mpg. But I doubt it achieves that. Expect low 20s for the bulk of driving and when pushed expect 17 to 18mpg.

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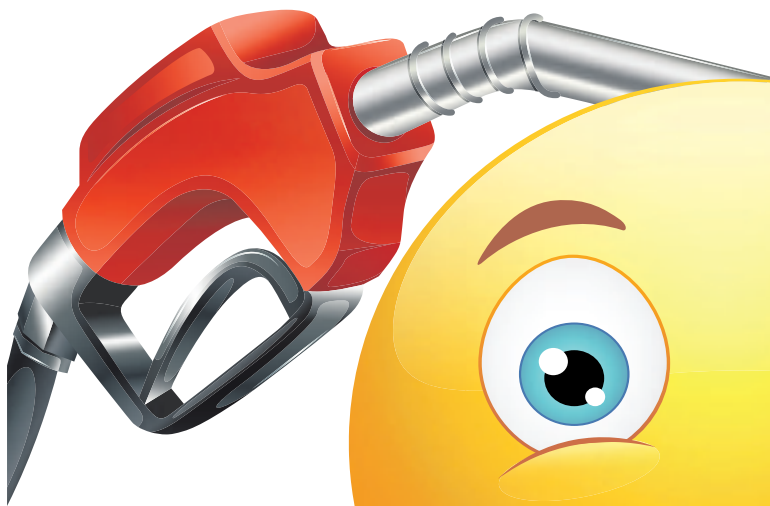
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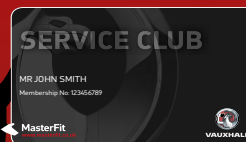
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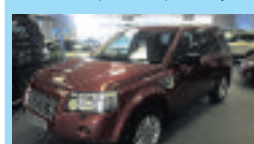
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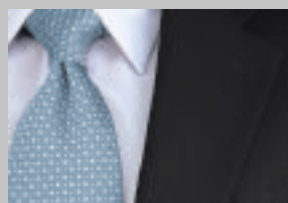
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innovation park

THE Local Enterprise Partnership is hoping to raise £3.5 million through a scheme to help with the development of Oswestry Innovation Park.

Already marked out as a potential major employment site in a recent prospectus sent to potential investors by Shropshire Council, the site is earmarked for up to 6,000 jobs on the edge of the town near to the Mile End Roundabout. Investment in the site would create around 3,000 new roles, the council believes.

The new LEP document notes: "The need for employment land in Oswestry is now pressing."

Biomusica to
reduce stress

BIOMUSICA, described as a fun and innovative way to reduce stress and anxiety, is being held in Oswestry each week.

The sessions are in the Cambrian room at Oswestry Memorial Hall every Wednesday between 7.30 and 8.30pm with the aim of promoting the activities of music therapy.

Eliza Perkins, who runs the classes, said Biomusica started in Argentina and is now worldwide.

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by Graham Breeze

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LEP in bid for money to improve A5 links

ROADS could be improved and infrastructure upgraded as part of a £150 million plan to improve the life of people in the county.

A wish list has been drawn up of important projects, which includes the creation of a dual carriageway between Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership has lodged a bid for £102 million of funding from a new £2 billion Government pot, which it says it can match with £52 million raised locally.

The LEP has outlined a number of "shovel-ready" projects which it would fund with the cash, including a scheme to begin work on Oswestry Innovation Park.

The document goes on to appeal to the government for support in bringing forward a widening of the A5 north west of Shrewsbury, describing its current provision as "inadequate".

In total, the LEP says the 14 projects listed in the scheme could help unlock 40,000 new jobs and 70,000 new homes in Shropshire and Herefordshire over the next 17 years.

Richard Sheehan, the chief executive of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce, said: "It's a very exciting time."

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Chairman reflects on year gone by

THE April meeting of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce is traditionally our annual general meeting and provides us with an opportunity to review and reflect of the previous 12 month period.

As I worked back through agendas and minutes for our meeting on April 2 I was reminded of the extensive and varied list of guest speakers we have been fortunate to welcome during 2013/14.

In addition to various local business owners who took the opportunity to showcase their products and services we welcomed festival organisers who gave an account of the events taking place in and around Oswestry, were fortunate enough to attract representatives from UK Trade and Industry, board members of the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership and officers from the Business and Enterprise team at Shropshire Council.

We have also been pleased to receive the support and interest, on several occasions, of the town clerk, David Preston and the mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Chris Schofield both of whom seek to actively engage with the local business community.

**Heather Noble,
Chairman.**

Schools contract leads to more restaurant jobs

AN Oswestry restaurant has created a number of jobs after winning contracts to supply meals to schools and nurseries.

Brooks Around The Corner has increased staff numbers from 12 to 23 in the past 18 months.

The restaurant, owned by Matt and Lisa Newton, provides dinners to Prepcare Nursery and Little Acorns in Oswestry as well as Morda Pre School and Footsteps nursery at Walford and North Shropshire College. One of the most recent contracts was to provide dinners for West Felton School and its pre-school.

Information hub to close

OSWESTRY'S award-winning tourist information centre is to close for two days a week as part of budget cuts.

Mile End Tourist Information Centre on the outskirts of Oswestry, which was open seven days a week, will be closed by Shropshire Council on Wednesdays and Sundays, with three long-serving members of staff losing their jobs.

The centre, which last year attracted more than 40,000 visitors, was opened in 1988 by Oswestry Borough Council to coincide with the opening of the Oswestry A483/A5 bypass.

Sue Williams, who along with Ann Tomley was among the original members of staff, said: "We were built to deal with about 10,000 visitors, yet in the first year we attracted 100,000. We are an extremely popular tourist information centre attracting visitors from across the world."

The centre has won the title of both the best tourist information centre in England and Wales.

Mrs Newton said: "We have expanded the staff numbers which is great for the area."

"The hours we work with the school contracts helps staff who have childcare commitments."

The couple have run Brooks Around the Corner for eight years and said the idea of going into school contracts came from Prepcare Nursery.

She said: "We know them because our son Zechariah went there. They asked us if we could do it and we agreed the contract."

"It has grown from there and we are in talks for other contracts."

Mrs Newton said she will always remember hearing the first school contract had been signed for she was in hospital having the couple's second child Ava-Grace at the time.

She said: "We try as much as possible to offer homemade meals and we provide a wide range."

"Children can tuck into a variety of options and that ranges from spaghetti bolognese to lasagne, roast dinners which are really popular to various other meals."

Mrs Newton said she expected the school contracts business to grow because of Government changes.

She said: "More children will be getting free school dinners from September so the demand will grow."

Gardening offer for schools



Paul Farry from Moreton with Glyn Ceiriog pupils

GREEN fingered residents in the Oswestry area are being encouraged to take part in National Gardening Week from April 14 to 20 by Moreton Garden Centre.

The aim of the week is for individuals and organisations to come together and help make their neighbourhood, environment and shared spaces beautiful through gardening.

Moreton Park Garden Centre at Chirk is spearheading the campaign locally.

A free workshop will take place at the Garden Centre on April 18 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm titled "An Introduction to Gardening" followed by a question and answer session.

Registration for the demonstration will be required and special offers will be available on the day to participants.

To enable even greater participation Moreton Park Garden Centre is offering local schools and children's nurseries free vegetable and flower seeds to encourage pupils to get involved.

NEWS in brief

New Saints offer firms partnership

THE New Saints Community Foundation Team is looking to support local firms by providing them with partnerships and free advertising at The Venue, online and on a web page and social media pages.

Partners will also receive a discount on activities at The Venue and will be invited to match day events at upcoming fixtures.

Local businesses already taking advantage of the offer are stated below: E.C.Hollywell, Engraving + Plus and Shurp. If you would like to be a business partner of The New Saints Community Foundation, please contact Niall Broe on niall.broe@tnsf.co.uk

Inspired student wins top award

AN A-level student inspired to act by the tragic death of April Jones at Machynlleth has won a national engineering award for designing and making an alarm aimed at protecting children.

Carys Jones, who studies at Llanfyllin High School, has developed an Invizilead child proximity alarm using radio waves which notifies parents when their child goes beyond a pre defined distance.

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A: The first thing you ought to do is make an appointment to see reputable matrimonial solicitor who will assess and consider your position. When an older couple get divorced and one of the parties had given up work to look after the children or support their partner in a career, this ought to be raised by your legal representative and will be taken into consideration when finalising financial matters.

Generally, for marriages of five years or more (including taking into account periods of cohabitation before the marriage) the starting point is a 50/50 split of the value of all of the assets of the marriage including any property, savings and of course the pensions.

Maintenance awards take into account the resources and needs of each party. Spousal maintenance can be awarded for life, or it may cease if the former spouse remarries. If after the divorce your former husband died, you could consider lodging a claim against his estate for maintenance payments you would have received if he remained alive. The Courts strive however, to achieve a 'clean break'. In such cases a capital sum may be paid, or assets transferred to off-set against the highest earner's maintenance liability.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Monaghan, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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NEWS
in brief

Ramblers enjoy a five mile stroll

A party of 21 ramblers enjoyed a five mile walk around the villages of Yorton, Clive and Grinshill.

Those taking part, led by Oswestry Ramblers, assembled at Yorton station before making their way via field path to All Saints Church at Clive before climbing up the sandstone lane to pass the village church and emerge in Grinshill Village. After visiting the church, they returned to the start across parkland and country lanes.

On Sunday, a party of 17 enjoyed a new walk from Acrefair, crossing the Llangollen road to climb Tower Hill as far as Bryn Adda.

Pupils learn the basics of tennis

BUDDING tennis players of the future have been learning the basics of the game through a lunchtime club at school.

Year 1 pupils at Bellan House, Oswestry School's prep department, have been taking tennis lessons with Mike Markham, head coach at Oswestry Team Tennis. The weekly lunchtime club, for pupils from ages four to 10, takes place on the school's outdoor courts.

For more information or to book a place on the tennis coaching event email stephen@rallytogether.co.uk

Big street light switch off going ahead for town

WORK to turn off streetlights run by Oswestry Town Council during the early hours of the morning is set to be completed in a few weeks, councillors have heard.

Shropshire Council is already rolling out a county-wide programme of what is known as "part night lighting" which sees lights turned off between midnight and 5.30am to cut carbon and reduce energy bills.

Oswestry town councillors have agreed to follow suit and heard at a meeting that progress for the big switch-off was continuing.

A report to councillors said: "The council has agreed to commission Ringway Infrastructure Service Limited, under the supervision of Shropshire Council, to carry out the work to change 438 of the total 451 town council street lights to part night lighting."

"The lights to be changed follow Shropshire Council's risk assessment criteria on locations suitable for part night lighting. Cost for this work is approximately £18,000. Part night lighting means the street lights that have been converted will go off at midnight to 5.30am."

"Shropshire Council started the part night conversion on February 17. The inventory of town council

By Iain St John

lights will be updated as the work commences for monitoring purposes.

"It is envisaged that the part night lighting work will be completed in the next couple of weeks. During the conversion there have been some issues with day burning as the time clocks and photo cells are changed but these have been resolved as quickly as possible."

Councillors were told there had been a small number of complaints so far about the big switch-off and concerns were raised that some areas of Oswestry had been left pitch black.

But Councillor Vince Hunt said the decision to turn off all the lights rather than every second or third one had been taken on advice from police and safety experts. He said having a total blackout helped reduce a "shadow effect" and helped people develop a degree of night vision.

Residents plant a forest garden



A tree planting day organised by Cwm Harry in December last year.

A new forest garden was created in Llanfyllin on Saturday with the help of local residents.

The community orchard was planted at Bodfach Field or Cae Tref in Llanfyllin, next to the town's public car park. Residents from the Llanfyllin area were invited to join in with the mass planting.

Ten acres of land has been leased to Llanfyllin Town Council for the use of

the town by Simon and Maggie Baynes of Bodfach Hall.

Cwm Harry, a charity which promotes sustainable land use, is supporting the project and has secured fruit and hedging trees from Llanfyllin Town Council, The Woodland Trust and Keep Wales Tidy to plant up at the site.

Work will turn part of the new public open space into a community

orchard, and pupils from Llanfyllin Primary School planted some trees last Friday before the community planting day.

Dewi Morris, a local resident who has been volunteering on the project, said: "It was great that we managed to secure so many trees to plant up at the Wetlands."

This will be part of a larger project to form a community forest garden.

Rotary's talk on plans for canal work

MEMBERS of a Rotary club learned more about a project to restore the Montgomery Canal at their meeting.

Michael Limbrey, chairman of the Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust, visited Borderland Rotary Club to share plans for the canal's development as a tourism and leisure facility.

Borderland member Geoff Barre said: "It was fascinating to hear the history of the canal and the group's plans for the future."

The canal was built from the 1760s to 1830s and was opened firstly for limestone from Llanymynech then for coal from Oswestry pits, St Martins and Chirk, and then extended to Berriew and finally to Newtown.

Half the canal has now reopened, from Frankton to Maesbury and Ardleen to Berriew, with road bridges rebuilt at Welshpool, Queen's Head and Abermule.

The towpath is open for walkers for the whole length from Frankton to Newtown and has become a very popular route for both visitors to the area and local people.

Borderland Rotary meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel. More information on the Borderland club can be found at www.borderlandrotary.co.uk

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NEWS
in briefBirds of prey on
Rotary agenda

MEMBERS of Borderland Rotary Club learned about the birds of prey living in the Oswestry countryside at their meeting in March.

Gary Slaytor from the RSPB Centre at Lake Vyrnwy, and a well-known demonstrator of the art of falconry, visited the meeting to talk about the art of falconry.

Historically, the use of hawks and raptors to catch food is thought to originate in the region of China around 2,000 years ago. The practice migrated to Arabia then through Europe and arrived in Britain around 800AD.

Borderland Rotary meets on Wednesday evenings.

Horseback event
is remembered

NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and his wife Rose were the guests at the latest meeting of the Oswestry branch of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women group.

More than 90 people attended the meeting at the Wynnstay Hotel and the couple spoke about their Mongol Derby horseback challenge in 2011. Past town mayor Councillor Cynthia Hawksley also attended.

Members, guests and visitors took part in the group's annual candle lighting ceremony.

Traffic action plan call over school safety fears

POLICE and roads bosses are to be asked to come forward with plans on how to solve a traffic headache in one of the busiest areas of Oswestry.

The plea has come from Oswestry Town councillors who carried out site visits on routes around Oswestry School amid concerns about road safety.

by Iain St John

The school's headmaster Douglas Robb had written to the town council calling for its support for the installation of pedestrian crossing on key routes in the area.

He said the crossings were important for the safety of children at the school, which has a main campus in Upper Brook Street and a junior campus at Bellan House, Church Street.

He suggested three possible sites for crossings, including one at Welsh Walls for pupils and staff who walk between the senior school and Bellan House.

A second crossing was suggested in Church Street between the Wynnstay Hotel and Bellan House.

The school has an arrangement with the hotel for parents to park there while they drop their children off, leading to "a large number" of people crossing the road on school days.

Mr Robb also called for a

crossing outside the main school gates to Maes-Y-Llan, where the school has its playing fields.

Councillors said after site visits that they did not support crossings in Church Street and Welsh Walls but agreed further investigation was needed to see how safety could be improved in Upper Brook Street.

Councillor Martin Bennett suggested highways bosses could be asked to carry out surveys on the number of traffic movements out on the road compared to the number of pedestrians.

He also said Shropshire Council highways department as well as the police could be asked for ideas on how to solve the problems.

Councillors agreed to his suggestion that highways bosses and the police should be contacted for their thoughts on the problem.

Blooming lovely display for village



Abigail Ryan, Alex Nurse, Bobby Evans and Councillor Joyce Barrow

A planting project supported by the local community is in full bloom in Morda.

Colourful daffodils have sprouted up in Morda near Oswestry thanks to the hard work of families in the area.

The floral project has been driven forward by members of Morda Fete Group who wanted to brighten up the village and add a splash of extra colour to their area.

Families from the area and children from Morda Primary School got involved in the project by helping to plant the bulbs.

The project was supported by funding from the area's Shropshire Council-run local joint committee.

Shropshire Councillor for the area Joyce Barrow paid tribute to the group and its chairman Andrew Steel, who is a parent of children at the village school.

Councillor Barrow said: "His family have had a farm in Treflach for decades and he has a strong sense of commitment to Morda and the community."

Screening call from Assembly member

PEOPLE are being urged to take up the offer of free bowel cancer scan.

The call comes from Clwyd South AM Ken Skates, whose constituency includes Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley.

He said bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in Wales but was one of the most treatable forms of the illness and regular screening significantly reduced the risk.

He urged his constituents to play it safe and take advantage of the free screening programme.

Mr Skates said he particularly hoped people in the 60-74 age bracket would take the free home test to make sure they don't fall victim to the cancer.

He said: "Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in Wales and kills about 1,000 people a year here. However, if picked up early, it is also one of the most treatable forms of this terrible disease."

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The cheeky little wren likes to play Casanova

SPRING is associated with the herald of many "good" things. The banishing of the cold, the promise of warmth, sunny days, new life, flowers, lambs and so on. For the wildlife enthusiast spring is, of course, the harbinger of all the above and a whole lot more.

Flora lovers writhe in ecstasy at the thought of the bombardment of luscious greens and assorted blooms, heady scents and bountiful blossoms.

If fauna's more your thing then there is no season quite like it, and yet with all these clichés buzzing around with the birds and bees, some of us may occasionally forget the smaller, ever-present creatures that make up our hedgerows and coppices, fields and streams.

The month of April is certain to tempt the plant enthusiast out into the countryside, but the greenery isn't rampant enough yet so as to mask everything as it often is in the summer time. April is the month for migrants – and that mostly means birds.

For the last week I've been watching the house martins swooping over the meres in the early mornings, although they haven't yet made it into the village. Swallows, whitethroats, willow warblers, sedge warblers, marsh warblers, nightingales and cuckoos follow but I'm doing it again... what about those poor souls that have sat out the (albeit mild) British winter?

With the mornings warmer and brighter than they were just a few weeks ago, and, as

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



mentioned, the ground cover currently restricted to just a few lime-green shoots from bramble and nettle, why not treat yourself to the sunlit, comfortable and happy viewing of singing thrushes, acrobatic tits and industrious wrens?

The latter, so often a brief, skulking form amongst bushes and leaves can now be clearly seen proclaiming their territory from bumps, humps and stumps below the hedge or amongst the forest. But "busy" probably doesn't begin to explain the wren. Please let me... because this is good.

The male wren is a bit of a Casanova. He gets to work early on in the year building nests. Yes, that's right, nests plural. He will often build up to six different nests around his territory in the hope of luring a female to one of them.

Once he's attracted a mate with his carpentry skills, he will mate with her and she will produce her eggs of around five to six in number.

She then will sit on those eggs for most of the incubation period (about 15 days) while the male spends his time finding food for the female first and then the chicks.

Here's the clever bit (some of you may call it "devious" and you'd be forgiven for thinking so); while the male is providing for the female, he is also checking out the other females in the vicinity.



Good Morning – oil on board, by Ben Waddams.

Village event to mark centenary of days gone by

ASK someone for a memorable event in 1914 and most will say the start of the First World War.

But two other events that took place that year will be commemorated in Llanymynech, near Oswestry, next weekend.

For 1914 was also the year that Charlie Chaplin's Little Tramp appeared on screen for the first time and it was the year that the Llanymynech Limeworks, which had employed hundreds of workers, closed.

Supporters of the Llanymynech Heritage Area, The Limeys, will combine the two events with a special film showing in the limeworks' Hoffman Kiln, which is being transformed into a unique cinema for the day.

The event will take place on Sunday with the Chaplin Revue screened by the Kinokulture film specialists, based in Oswestry, free of charge.

There will also be a firing of the demonstration kiln, displays, guided walks and children's activities.

Parish Councillor, Dilys Gaskill said the day promised to be a great success.

Uneconomic

"We wanted to do something to mark the 100 years since the Llanymynech Limeworks closed down. It had become uneconomic to run, people were using cheaper Portland Stone and also the workforce was going off to war."

"We didn't want to link it with the commemorations of the war and so looked for something else. Charlie Chaplin seemed the perfect partner."

Last year the massive Hoffman kiln, one of one two in Europe, was used to stage an musical and light art event.

"That was so popular I am sure we will have a lot of people come along to this event," Mrs Gaskill said.

The day will run from 1-4.30pm with the film screening at about 2.30pm. People should take along something to sit on for the film.

Refreshments will be available.

The Llanymynech limeworks quarried limestone from Llanymynech Hill. The stone was taken on an inclined plane to the lower ground where the massive kilns were used to make lime.

This was then taken first via the Montgomery canal and then by train to customers across Britain.

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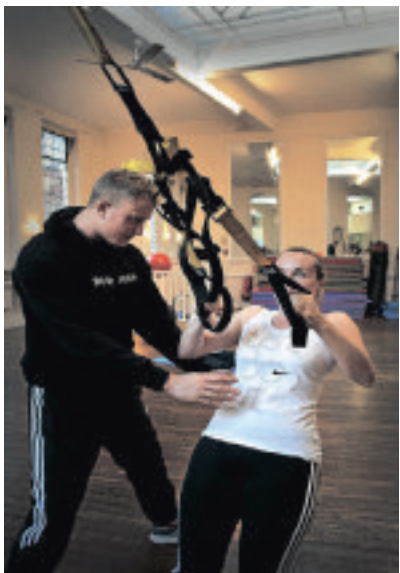
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The personal training programme will run alongside Bodytech’s already

popular class timetable meaning members can choose between both one to one and group instruction.

To book a free taster session with a personal trainer or for more information call the club on 01691 657400.



THE ARTS

Three artists put work on display for town

Pam Kingsley

THE work of three very different artists are brightening up an art gallery in Oswestry this month.

From the bright colours of South America to the soft blues and greens of the Welsh countryside, the artwork depicts places which have special meaning to their creators.

The artwork went up last week as part of a new exhibition which will run at the Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre in Church Terrace, Oswestry, throughout April.

Colombian-born Clemencia Becerra drew her inspiration from her childhood memories of South America.

“I was born in Colombia and although I have lived in North Wales for many years, the sunshine, vivid colours and vibrant life of my homeland always seem to find their way into my work,” she said.

“I find that it is the small villages and bustling life away from large conurbations and commercial centres that attract me most, and small traders and exotic fruits feature in many of my works.”

Contrasting with Clemencia’s bright paintings will be Alwyn Dempster Jones’ prizewinning pastel landscapes of North Wales.

Alwyn, who is from Mold, has chosen a selection of paintings and prints on rocks, stones and water, for his exhibition, including one which hasn’t been displayed before.

He said: “The jet stream has moved and I’ve made a pilgrimage to my wall. The sun was out and the skies were



Alwyn Dempster Jones from Mold with two of his pictures

blue. I haven’t painted a wall since last year and I’ve got a feeling there are more to come over the next few months.

“This painting is on view for the first time at the Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre.”

The third artist to contribute to the exhibition is Tony Lewery, who cre-

ates collages and sculptures from his own paintings and drawings.

The centre is open 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday. It will be open as normal on Good Friday and Easter Saturday, closed on Easter Sunday and open on bank holiday Monday from 11am to 3pm.

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Wild night planned in town's former chapel

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts

GET ready for a wild time this Saturday as Manchester oddballs Monkeys In Love will be swinging over to the Hermon Chapel, Oswestry.

Starting off as a two piece after meeting at a rave in a disused mental asylum back in 2005, the band has since acquired a few more misfits along the way.

Musicwise the band describe their sound as a cocktail of forgotten film soundtracks, junk shop glam, lead footed library funk and early eighties British indie.

Even that doesn't come close enough to capturing the pop fuelled chaos that is Monkeys In Love.

As you can already guess they are not your typical band, something that is even more apparent when you hear their songs that cover subjects ranging from internet trolls to hair transplants.

The band released their first album Death Jeans back in 2012, which was followed up by The Monkeys In Love Will Pet & Cuddle You the following year.

They're currently working on their third which they hope to release sometime in the autumn. The gig will also see support from local band Shifty Chicken Shed.

Tickets cost £4.50 and are available



Monkeys In Love performing in Oswestry

from Outwhere Records, Rowanthorn or on the door. Doors open at 7:30pm.

Talented musician and Royal Oak regular, Joe Seager will be making a return to the venue this Friday.

A seasoned veteran of the live music circuit, Joe has spent the last 10 years performing at venues across the UK and Europe. As well as making a number of appearances on BBC Radio, in

2011 he also made it to the area finals of Live and Unsigned.

One of the top cover artists in Shropshire, he draws on a vast repertoire of classic songs both old and new, putting his own unique spin on each song. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Young singer songwriter Henry Don will be performing at The Lowfield Inn, Marton on Friday night.



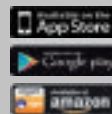
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THE NEW SAINTS FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Launched in 2003 at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, The New Saints Football Scholarship, in partnership with Walford and North Shropshire College, has gone from strength to strength.

From a standing start of a single team playing local matches, the programme has now grown to embrace over 60 scholars, made up of three squads, playing in the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) high quality national leagues.

The overall aim of the programme is for 'scholars to maximise their

football potential whilst gaining nationally recognised practical coaching and academic sport qualifications'.

This is enabled by delivering a unique timetable that allows scholars to 'train, play, study and learn'. Timetables are planned to combine match days, training sessions, and lesson time in order to maximise the learning experience.

Typically each programme is timetabled over 4 days per week, with lessons in the morning, and coaching in the afternoon.

Matches are played on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On balance education is 13 hours per week with 10 hours per week allocated for coaching.

The three squads are placed into Elite and Development categories,



with progression to each level monitored. All training sessions are led by qualified TNS Coaching staff and travel with the teams on match days. Training takes place either at The Venue, home of The New Saints and/or well-equipped facilities at the Oswestry campus,

including Floodlit Muga, Training Pitch, and brand new full sized football pitch. The college also makes use of nearby £10m newly built Leisure Centre.

Education wise the programme supports qualifications at both Levels 2 and 3, learners studying for a BTEC National Diploma in Sport, Coaching and Development. BTEC Diplomas are nationally recognised brands that allow for entry into University or career related employment.

All scholars are encouraged to take extra football coaching qualifications and this year the L1 Certificate in Football Coaching, delivered by Shropshire FA, through 1st 4 Sport has been added to the programme.



This year scholar Ryan Kershaw has been successful in gaining a first team contract, the latest in a long line of scholars who have been offered professional terms by the club.

The next set of football trials is due to take place on April the 17th at The Venue from 13:30pm.

Please contact Scott Ruscoe on scott.ruscoe@tnsfc.co.uk to book your place or tel 01691 688084 direct for further details.



Morda are praising Bishop as side book semi spot

A FIRST half hat trick from Chris Bishop and a superb second half solo effort from Sam Litchfield enabled Morda to cruise through to the quarter-final of the Mercian League Premier Division Cup with a 4-0 passage against Church Stretton.

The south Shropshire visitors stuck to their task at Weston Road but rarely threatened a firm home defence as they found themselves well beaten.

Morda started this game with regular full back Elliott Howes moving to mid-field, and he was in the thick of the early action heading just wide from a fifth minute Shaheen Miah corner before going close with an athletic overhead kick from another flag kick.

However, the hosts took the lead on the quarter hour when Gareth Lewis found Bishop who netted superbly from the edge of the box.

A long range Howes shot was saved by keeper Jamie Williams but the Stretton custodian was unable to hold a Scott Graham shot and the alert Bishop was on hand to find the net.

The Morda dominance continued with Ian Heathcock going close with a header from an accurate Gareth Lewis cross and just three minutes before the break Bishop completed his hat-trick when showing great composure to finish accurately from another pin point pass from midfielder Graham.

After the break, a flare-up out of the blue following a challenge by Stretton's Max Jarrold led to Jarrold receiving a yellow card and Morda's Ian Heathcock receiving a red for retaliation.

Clearance

Despite being reduced to 10 men, Morda remained in control with Bishop being thwarted by Williams and a Howes header went tantalisingly close after his determination had forced a weak clearance from the keeper.

Work commitments had forced Sam Litchfield to join the game as a second half substitute but the midfielder made up for lost time with a late surging run which left opposing players trailing in his wake before hammering an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net for his side's fourth.

Details of the semi finals in which Morda will face Shifnal United, Madeley Sports or Whitchurch Alport are yet to be confirmed.

On Saturday Morda will host league leaders and title favourites Oakengates Athletic (3pm) as they bid to maintain their challenge in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

They have games in hand over the clubs above them and victory this weekend would give Craig Rogers' side everything to play for in the title run-in.

WESTON RHYN had a day to forget as they crashed out of the premier division cup with a hefty 7-1 home defeat to Madeley Sports.

There is more cup action this week for Rhyn who host Clee Hill in the Shropshire Challenge Cup tonight.

The Hillmen have been reinstated after Morda United, their conquerors in the previous round, were thrown out for fielding an ineligible player.

Possibly of more importance for Weston Rhyn is Saturday's league trip to Prees as they look to steer clear of any basement danger in the premier division.

Good weekend as Llanfair win and rivals slip up

ON SONG Llanfair United boosted their title prospects in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with victory at Bultih Wells – while their cause was further helped with two of their chief rivals losing.

Two goals from Chris Gethin eventually helped them to a 4-2 victory at lowly Bultih, which took Rhys Stephens' side level on points with leaders Llandrindod Wells who suffered a surprise 3-1 loss at Bow Street.

With Berriew going down 3-2 at Aberaeron, it proved the perfect day for Llanfair who now look to maintain their title pursuit at home to Four Crosses on Saturday.

Despite trailing at the break in bizarre fashion after a shot had bounced past the keeper after getting a bobble, they roared back in the second period.

James Davies levelled a minute into the second period when beating the full back to slot in, and Gethin put Llanfair in front

for the first time from the penalty spot after Davies had been fouled. Rich Ainsley's 30-yard free-kick made it 3-1 before Gethin rounded off a fine team move involving Paul Griffiths and Davies to seal the win before Bultih bagged a late consolation.

BERRIEW'S hopes suffered a setback as they slipped into fourth spot after being edged out 3-2 at Aberaeron who took the spoils through Gareth Severs, Gareth Evans and a Lee Powell own goal.

Struggling to get into their stride, they fell behind before levelling through Rob Pritchard's close range effort.

Aberaeron regained the lead before half time, but Berriew were back on terms on 70 minutes with penalty from Marc Jones.

At that stage, the visitors looked likely winners but we were caught on the break with 10 minutes to go and defender Lee Powell deflected into his own net.

High flying Llandrindod Wells also suffered a surprise 3-1 loss at Bow Street despite taking the lead with a freak long-range goal from their keeper.

Undaunted, the Aberystwyth hosts hit back with Stef Davies scoring twice, and Tom Williams also found the net. Despite the loss, the Wellmen remain top courtesy of a far superior goal difference, while they also have a game in hand on Llanfair.

Having dropped points the previous week, Carno kept their challenge alive after moving into third spot with a 5-1 romp at unpredictable FOUR CROSSES.

WATERLOO ROVERS consolidated their top six position after winning 3-2 at local rivals MONTGOMERY, with the victory more clear-cut than the scoreline suggests.

Rovers always held the upper hand, opening up a three goal lead through Will Pritchard, Marcus Ashley and Steve Hole

before Monty hit back with a couple of penalties from Nick Rawlins, the second coming in the closing seconds.

Lowly DYFFRYN BANW slipped closer to the relegation trapdoor after being pipped 2-1 at Tywyn Bryncrug.

Without a win this year, WELSHPOOL continue to hover close to danger after losing 2-1 at Aberystwyth University.

The game had started well enough as the Lilywhites led at the break, but the students – despite playing much of the second half with 10 men due to a spate of injuries – hit back to take the spoils courtesy of Chris Warden and Niall Jones.

Kerry continue to languish in the lower regions of division two after being shot down 4-1 at Machynlleth, while high-flying Rhosgoch hammered Presteigne 9-1 and Hay St Mary's were 3-1 winners at Talgarth.

Shock for Foxes who are handed rare defeat

CHAMPIONS Cross Foxes suffered only their second defeat of the season in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League when going down 3-2 to Dudleston Heath who played well above their lowly league position.

Dudleston settled the quicker and passed the ball round well and went close in the ninth minute when Adam Preston hit the post from 20 yards with a low drive.

Yes, despite their possession, they couldn't break down a stubborn defence and two goals in as many minutes saw Foxes take a 2-0 lead.

Grant Drury opened the scoring on 41 minutes with a clever shot in off the far post before Joe Pierpoint doubled the advantage with a fierce shot into the top of the net giving Ross Brodie little chance in goal.

Dudleston, however, pulled one back on 57 minutes when Preston finished off a good move side when slotting home from close range and they were level on 65 when a Liam Goode cross from the left was met by Preston with an impressive overhead bicycle kick finding the corner of the net.

Brace

Preston then completed his hat-trick with the winner in the 70th minute when he scored from close range.

Bottom club TAVERN registered just their second win all season coming from behind to beat neighbours OAK INN 5-3.

Dave Hartshorn gave the Oak an early lead but Tavern turned the game around and surged clear with Jonathan Beckett notching a hat-trick, while Cian Curley and Joe Kilvert also found the net. Hartshorn, with his second, and Todd Roberts responded for The Oak.

Sean Malooney netted a hat-trick for THE KEYS in their 7-1 win over ATHLETICO MARKET, with Allan Ellis bagging a brace while Tom Nash and Aaron Coulson grabbed one apiece. Luke Jones netted Market's consolation.

Fixtures for Sunday League Cup semi finals: Oak Inn v Malpas, Dudleston Heath v Athleticco Market.

Saints beat Bala to keep their double dream alive

Bala Town 1 The New Saints 2

THE New Saints moved ever closer to a league and cup double after progressing to the Welsh Cup final with a 2-1 victory over brave Bala at Airbus UK's Broughton ground.

Already virtually assured of the Welsh Premier crown, the Saints are now one game away from adding a second piece of silverware when they meet Aberystwyth Town in next month's final at Wrexham's Racecourse ground.

Matty Williams put the league high-fliers on course for victory with a 16th minute opener and, despite ex-TNS midfielder Connall Murtagh pulling one back on 25 minutes,

Jamie Mullan fired what proved the decisive goal eight minutes later with a terrific curling effort.

The Saints were on the front foot right from the kick-off and Mike Wilde immediately had the ball in the net only for his effort to be ruled out for a foul.

However, they were not to be denied in the 16th minute when Simon Spender's cross was volleyed into the top corner by Williams.

The Lakesiders were soon level when Murtagh smashed home a powerful shot from a narrow angle after the Saints defence had failed to clear a free kick.

Undaunted, TNS were back on the attack and Chris Jones missed the target from close range after good work from Mullan to pick out his opposite winger.

Then, on 33 minutes, Mullan turned goalscorer when leaving keeper Ashley Morris with no chance after curling his effort into the bottom corner from the edge of the box.

FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater



The Lakesiders, with nine wins of 10, continued to push in search of the equaliser but, with Mullan causing problems down the left, it was TNS who looked the more menacing and the winger fired just over.

At the other end, Mark Connolly crashed one shot over the bar, but for most part Bala's attacking efforts were met by some determined defending.

Aeron Edwards had a chance to make it three for TNS but failed to latch on to a free kick from Chris Seargeant who was then denied by a tremendous save from the diving Morris 10 minutes from time.

With Bala pushing up higher, the game became increasingly stretched and

Wilde should have added a third when he raced through on goal but shot straight at Morris.

The Lakesiders gave it a good go late on, but TNS looked solid at the back as they held firm to maintain their pursuit of a league and cup double.

It is the second time in three years that the Saints have overcome Bala in the last four, but it proved a far sterner test than when they won 4-0 in 2012.

Having lifted the cup three times, they now meet Aberystwyth in the final on May 3 at Wrexham after the Seasiders hit back from a one goal deficit to overcome surprise package Holywell Town 3-1 at Newtown's Latham Park.

TNS U19s take the title



Action from The New Saints' U19s 2-0 victory over Aberystwyth Town at The Venue

WHILE TNS stand on the brink of the Welsh Premier crown, the club's young guns secured the under-19s WPL championship with a 2-0 victory over Aberystwyth Town.

Second half goals from Taylor James and Ryan Kerhsaw sealed the crucial win after TNS had been made to battle to find a way through despite their possession.

The win ensured that the team had secured the title with one game left to play and manager Steve Evans was full of praise.

"The players deserve tremendous credit for how they have acquitted themselves this

season," he said. "Every single one of them has been superb."

The Saints are also in the final of the Welsh Cup when they take on holders Swansea City later this month.

Meanwhile, the newly crowned champions maintained their winning ways with a 6-1 romp over Gap Connah's Quay at Park Hall in their final league outing.

The TNS under-19 championship winning team consisted of Stewart Evans, Luke Douglas, Connor Rogers, James Jones, Jordan Wells, Ryan Kershaw, Dylan Jones, Fislisk Hajdari, Taylor James, Ryan Edwards and Harrison Millington.

Last-gasp winner for FC Oswestry



Oswestry Town's Stefan Ivanov looks to get clear of Nigel Wellington during the Mercian League win over Childs Ercall at The Venue. Picture: Peter Shah.



Heads you win – FC Oswestry Town's Kurt Smith who set up the winning goal in the precious 2-1 win against title rivals Childs Ercall.

Town back on top form

FC OSWESTRY Town gave their title hopes a timely shot in the arm after gunning down Childs Ercall 2-1 in their top of the table showdown in the Mercian Regional League division one.

Victory took Town three points clear after reclaiming the summit, but they have played two more games than Ercall.

Nick Maguire's side started well with the first chance falling to Stefan Ivanov after pouncing on a goalkeeping error but his shot was just off target, while Ivanov had another opportunity to break the deadlock but the keeper saved well.

However, Town were ahead on the half hour with a well taken goal by Graham Dyke but their joy was short lived as two minutes later Ercall scored an equaliser.

The second half saw both teams up the tempo with chances falling to Oswestry

strikers Dyke and Bright and again Dawson kept the Ercall strikers at bay.

With time running out for both teams to find a winner, Town went ahead with just one minute to play when Kurt Smith picked out striker Bright who rounded the keeper to slot home the winner to take his side back to top of the table.

Buoyed by the win, Town take on another of their rivals, Bishop's Castle, at Weston Rhyn on Saturday (3pm) as they bid to stay ahead of the pack.

A few days before, Town maintained their pursuit of some silverware when booking their place in the semi final of the division one league cup with a 3-0 passage at Clee Hill.

OSWESTRY VILLA reserves remain third bottom in division two following their 2-0 defeat at Albrighton Juniors.

Academy chance for youngsters

IT'S that time of year again when The New Saints FC offers young footballers the chance to become part of its successful academy.

Trials will begin on Tuesday, April 29 and finish on Thursday May 1, with all trials taking place at Park Hall stadium. All age groups are based on next season's ages, while each session will cost £4.

To register interest for this years trials, email Scott Ruscoe on scott.ruscoe@tnsfc.co.uk or call him on 07811-286439.

Trials dates

Tuesday 29 April: Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 (5.30pm-6.30pm); Under 11s, Under 12s (6.30-7.30)

Wednesday April 30: Under 13s, Under 14s (6pm-7.15pm)

Thursday 1 May: Under 15s, Under 16s (6.45pm-8pm)

Guilsfield in first win since turn of the year

GUILSFIELD stopped the rot to record their first Cymru Alliance win since the turn of the year when notching a 2-0 home success over lowly Penyceae.

After a nervous start, they grew in confidence after taking the lead on 28 minutes when a stray back pass forced Penyceae keeper Ashley Roberts to bring down Jack Harris in the box. Top scorer Danny Barton stepped up to slot home for a half time lead.

Gulls made a terrific start to the second half with Jimmy O'Reilly heading home two minutes in from a corner to double the lead.

The home side failed to add to the two goals but never looked likely to relinquish their advantage, particularly when the visitors were reduced to 10 men with 12 minutes remaining following Paul Connolly's red card, while finishing with nine men after substitute Jimmy Jones suffered a dislocated collar bone.

Despite twice taking the lead, relegation-doomed LLANRHAEDR suffered a 4-2 home loss to Llanidloes Town who boosted their hopes of survival.

Jamie Breese was a one-man scoring show for Llani after the villagers had taken the lead through Mark Griffiths on 34 minutes.

Breese then opened his account three minutes later with the first of his four goals, before Griffiths pounced for his second right on half-time after the visitors had failed to clear.

However, hot-shot Breese ensured the Daffs would not be denied three points by scoring three more times in the second period on 67, 74 and 87 minutes to keep his side out of the relegation zone on goal difference.

Two-goal Griffiths, meanwhile, saw his day tarnished when the forward was sent off for his second booking late on.

Despite spirited displays of late, Llanrhaedr are marooned at the foot of the table and heading for a return to the Spar Mid Wales League next season.

Saturday's fixtures - Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30): Caersŵs v Holyhead Hotspur, Cefn Druids v Buckley Town, Conwy Borough v Llandudno, Llanrhaedr v Guilsfield, Penyceae v Flint Town United, Porthmadog v Llanidloes Town.

Volley good display by super Sam

SAM Thomas produced a stunning strike as St Martins took another step towards safety in the West Midlands League division one with a 4-0 victory at fellow strugglers Mahal.

With his side already two goals to the good, Thomas made it three on half-time with a volley from all of 45 yards.

After Thomas' long range effort, St Martins wrapped up the points on the hour when Shawn Melusi rounded the keeper and netted.

Victory means Ryan Butcher's side should now be safe from any relegation concerns with just two games remaining. Results: JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League Honda One: Abermule 5 Merfod 3, Llanfechain 2 Llanymynech 1, Trefonri 1 Guilsfield Res 3.

Mitsubishi Two: Berriew Res 2 Forden 1, Carno Res 1 Watnool Colts 1, Four Crosses Res 2 Llanymynech 1, Kerry Res 2 Maesyrhandir 4, Llanstiff-ford Res 1 Newtown Wanderers 1.

The Robins League Cup quarter-final: Watnool Res 3 Llanrhaedr Res 0, Tanners Cup semi-final: Llanfair Res 1 Llanfyllin 2.

Eagles back in groove with fine away win

AFTER being coached by former British Lion Neil Back the previous week, Oswestry's rugby players responded with a 13-8 win at Orrell to cement their top half of the table position in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

Back was not present to see his newly adopted side triumph in their latest outing, but the Eagles produced a solid display to end Orrell's six game unbeaten run at home.

Oswestry looked the livelier of the two sides straight from the kick-off, with the forwards carrying well deep into the home half, before releasing the backs to make further ground.

This possession and territory was duly rewarded with a penalty, which Kevin Evans kicked to give the visitors an early lead.

The Eagles continued to pressure, with Evans kicking well from hand to keep the home side pinned back.

They were also applying severe pressure at the scrum, driving the home side off several of their own put-ins, and were unlucky not to score after creating some good chances.

Unconverted

However, the visitors' grip on the game gradually declined, and a good line break by the Orrell fly-half gave them the chance to spread the ball wide in the face of a scrambling defence to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Captain Andy Smith urged the Eagles to increase their work rate and use the game plan, and he saw instant results as the visitors created an overlap through good ball

carrying by the forwards and testing of the fringe defence by Nick Clay.

The backs exploited this well with great hands, and Luca Owen-youens skipped through a tackle to make a line break before carrying two defenders over the line with him for a superb try in the corner, which was well converted from a tough angle by Evans.

Evans then followed this up with another superb kick from a penalty to put the visitors some two scores ahead. Soon after, Jack Fox thought he had scored from a good kick by Evans, but it was called back for off-side.

The Eagles also showed their power with a rolling maul from a line-out, but after making 20 metres it was collapsed by the opposition with the try line beckoning.

The hosts then applied some pressure to the Oswestry try line, but it was well defended with some superb steals by Jake Northwood and Dan Williams.

Gaz Hughes then followed this up with a superb take from a 22m drop out, giving the Eagles momentum, but poor discipline by the forwards allowed Orrell a penalty attempt, converted well.

Soon after, Mike Davies was harshly shown a yellow card, but Oswestry reacted well to their numerical inferiority, winning their scrums well and keeping the hosts out to the end.

The Eagles now travel to Moore hoping to get another away win to finish the season on a high and give them momentum going into the final of the Cheshire Bowl against Bowden on Saturday, April 19.

Welshpool pegged back in narrow defeat at Maesydre

WELSHPOOL paid for wasted opportunities as they slipped to a narrow 15-12 loss against Llangollen at Maesydre to remain in the lower regions of the Swalec League division three (north).

With the elements in their favour in the first half, the Maesydre men raced into a 12-0 lead through two tries from No8 Ryan Goodwin and Rhys Williams, one of which was converted.

They had further opportunities, but Llangollen hit back with a penalty and a touch-down right on the stroke of half-time.

The visitors - who lost a player with a suspected broken leg - got their noses in front with a converted try after the break and Pool, despite a concerted spell of pressure on the line, could not find a decisive score.

Despite the defeat, it was a creditable display against a team in the upper reaches of the table and Pool will be hoping they can turn performance into points when they visit Rhos on Saturday as they bid to edge themselves up the table.

Penalty

COBRA also suffered a defeat in the Swalec League division one (north), going down 17-12 at home to second placed Pwllheli, although they did pick up a losing bonus point.

The Meifod men, who remain third bottom, would reflect it was one that got away as the points they conceded came from their own errors, while failing

to take a golden chance for a try in the second half.

A stray pass allowed Pwllheli to take the lead with a converted try as the visiting centre picked up the loose ball to run 40 metres before

RUGBY

By John Bridgwater



touching down under the posts.

Llew Williams responded with a penalty, but the visitors replied in like before a second Williams kick reduced the arrears to 10-6.

COBRA then counted the cost of a lapse after kicking out from their 22, with one of their players caught in front of the ball. From the resulting scrum, Pwllheli eventually went over for a converted try to lead 17-12 at the interval.

The hosts battled back in the second half with Williams kicking a penalty and drop goal to keep them in the hunt, but they squandered a golden opportunity when failing to exploit an

overlap with the try line beckoning.

They continued to push without finding a way through some stout defending, but could take heart from their performance against a team lying second in the table.

COBRA have no first team game this Saturday with the club hosting the Swalec Bowl semi-final between Llandudno and Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd, before returning to the pitch the following week for their last game at home to Denbigh.

The second team were hosting Aberystwyth University in the semi-final of the Mid Wales Cup last night.



Up and away - the Pwllheli forward leaps unopposed to win the ball against COBRA



COBRA's Llew Williams makes a tackle to halt Pwllheli attack. Picture: Trevor Jones.

Golf returns from the clubs

HENLE PARK
Club Monthly Medal Division 1: T Meehan 73-6-67; R Tattersall 80-11-69; C Thomas 76-6-70. **Division 2:** G Gill 88-16-72; M Higginson 93-19-74; P Roberts 91-17-74. **Division 3:** S Roberts 95-23-72; R Hutton 100-26-74; J Parry 102-28-74.

Ladies
Monthly Medal: P Tattersall 93-15-78; S Meehan 91-12-79; M Shelton 96-16-80.
Individual Stableford Division 1: A Wright 40pts; A James 37pts. **Division 2:** J Horton 40pts; N Russell 36pts (c/b).

MILE END
March Medal Division 1: P Griffiths 77-13-64; A Jones 77-11-66; R Burke 79-12-67. **Division 2:** J Jones 82-19-63; B Moody 83-19-64; N Exton 82-14-68. **Division 3:** J Stansfield 89-25-64; N Rogers 97-26-71; A Williams 91-20-71.

Nearest The Pin: J Barry 3ft 6.
Captain's Drive In: K Davies, P Kenyon, M Ryan, B Powers 94pts; N Exton, K Evans, A Stansbie, K Hayman 91pts.

Ladies
March Medal Division 1: A Eke 93-18-75; J Jones 90-

14-76; A Ord 90-14-76. **Division 2:** J Bennett 103-30-73; P Kenyon 104-29-75; C Evans 110-30-75.

Whitmore Trophy: J Northwood 76-10-66; B Hunter 88-21-67.

Nearest The Pin: B Moody 5ft 8".

March Stableford Division 1: B Brain 35pts; A Eke 35pts; R Jones 35. **Division 2:** H Cawley 41pts; J Rogers 31; J Bennett 29.

OSWESTRY
Medical Trophy Four Ball Better Ball Medal: R Jones & D Hughes 63; D Parry & A Shannon 63 (c/b); M Dickens & G Evans 64; A Gilbert & M Knapper 65 (c/b); N Wilson & C Colquhoun 65; P Turner & R Sinclair 66 (c/b).

Men's Spring Open: D Evans & I Pearce (Oswestry) 43 (c/b); J Dicks & R Speake (Worfield) 43 (c/b); S Gale & R Webb (Oswestry) 43; J Edmiston & R Hamilton (Worfield) 42 (c/b); I Humphreys & P Jones (Llangollen / Shrewsbury) 42; W Versus & T Battersby (Wychwood) 41 (c/b).

Ladies
Alice Kempster Rosebowl - Foursomes Medal: P Davies & E Aubrey 94-25-69; W Pughe & D Mottram 93-21-72; J Williams & D Hall 91-18-73; D Jones & M Brogden 92-18-74; R Wigley & M Dunbar 92-17-74.5.

PLACINGS

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District

Dominoes

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Black Lion A.....	23	14	3	6	84	54	31
Cross Foxes.....	23	11	7	5	80	57	29
Station.....	23	11	6	6	76	62	28
Top White Lion.....	23	10	8	5	73	65	28
Black Lion B.....	23	8	10	5	76	62	26
Bradford Arms.....	23	10	6	6	62	62	26
Pest Y Oines.....	23	9	7	7	72	66	25
Penybont Inn.....	23	7	10	6	71	67	24
Horseshoe.....	23	8	7	8	71	67	23
White Lion.....	23	5	11	7	60	70	21
Black Horse.....	24	3	10	11	61	83	14
Railway Tavern.....	23	3	6	14	54	84	14
Barley Mow.....	22	3	13	19	39	93	9

Oswestry & District

Snoekery League

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
Ellesmere A.....	18	17	1	73	17	73
Cefn RBL.....	18	16	2	63	27	63
Conwy.....	18	13	5	59	31	59
Ex Serv E.....	18	11	7	53	37	53
Ruabon.....	18	10	8	44	46	44
Ex Serv C.....	18	11	7	53	37	53
Llan Rafe A.....	18	12	6	58	54	58
Ex Serv A.....	18	3	15	32	58	32
Criffins A.....	18	3	15	28	62	28
Morda.....	18	4	14	25	65	25

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
Johnstown.....	18	14	4	63	27	63
Ex Serv D.....	18	15	3	58	32	58
Ellesmere B.....	18	12	6	57	33	57
Ifon.....	18	11	7	53	37	53
Criffins B.....	18	12	6	52	38	52
Glyn Cerriog B.....	18	9	9	49	41	49
Llanrhaedr B.....	18	10	8	44	46	44
Four Crosses.....	18	3	15	31	59	31
Ex Serv B.....	18	4	14	30	60	30
Llangynog.....	18	2	16	13	77	13

Mercian Regional

Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates A.....	20	12	4	4	51	26	40
Ketley Bk Utd.....	22	11	7	34	37	37	37
Whitchurch AR.....	23	9	5	41	27	36	36
FC Hodnet.....	22	10	5	7	33	29	35
Telford Jun.....	22	10	4	8	49	36	34
C Shretton.....	19	10	4	5	39	27	34
Wellington A.....	21	9	7	40	37	32	32
Morda Utd.....	17	8	3	6	49	37	27
Madeley Sls.....	20	7	3	10	33	37	24
Press.....	24	7	3	14	37	66	24
Aliscott.....	24	5	11	37	51	23	23
Weston Rhyn.....	21	6	4	11	34	55	22
Shinall Utd 97.....	18	6	3	9	29	29	21
B'north T Res.....	22	5	6	11	35	45	21

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oswestry T.....	22	16	3	3	79	17	51
Childs Ercall.....	20	16	0	4	89	16	48
Bishop's C.....	22	15	1	6	77	25	46
Wrexeter Row.....	17	14	3	0	80	17	45
Hamwood Utd.....	19	11	2	6	53	23	35
Dawley Town.....	25	10	5	10	55	51	35
Rock Rovers.....	17	10	3	4	63	31	33
O'gates R.....	22	9	10	40	52	30	30
Brown Cle.....	20	9	2	9	61	44	29
Clee Hill.....	19	8	5	6	44	37	29
Oswestry Villa.....	22	6	4	12	48	62	22
Meole Brace.....	22	2	15	35	94	17	17
Wrock Wd Jun.....	24	5	2	17	32	98	17
Shawbury R.....	22	4	2	16	24	87	14
S'bury Utd.....	25	2	1	22	29	155	7

Four-star Scott stars for Youths

SCOTT Ryan inspired Ellesmere's youth team to a pulsating 4-3 victory against second placed Romulus to set up a pivotal match next up at undefeated Midlands Floodlit Youth League premier north leaders Hinckley United.

Former Shrewsbury Town youth teamer Ryan notched all four goals which included a late winner as the Beech Grove team continued their winning run.

Romulus bossed the early exchanges and could have been a goal to the good had it not been for poor finishing.

Against the run of play, Ryan put Rangers ahead in the 16th minute when chasing down the keeper and forcing a mistake before rolling the ball into an empty net.

Romulus were deservedly level midway through the half before Ryan smashed in the loose ball in the 36th minute to restore the Swans advantage.

Early in the second period, man of the moment Ryan then drove home an excellent shot in on his weaker side to extend the lead.

Rangers were sloppy in conceding a second and, after the visitors were reduced to 10 men late on, they grabbed a 90th minute equaliser from a corner. Undeterrred, with the final attack of the game, Ryan burst into the box before drilling the ball home from the acutest angle to seal a memorable and vital three points for the home side.

Olympians set best times



The Oswestry Olympians after the Helena Tipping 10km race in Wrexham

SEVERAL runners set personal bests as Oswestry Olympians were out in force and in good form at the Helena Tipping 10km race in Wrexham.

Gary Owens, Rob Whittall, Adam Jones, Tim Tansley and Lauren Davies all set PBs in the event while there were terrific runs from Ian "The Cat In the Hat" Lowe who

finished first in the M40 and Steve Roberts who led the way in the M60.

Olympians' results: 1st J Mills (Cardiff) 33:15; 5th Ian Lowe 35:51 and 1st M40; 15th Gary Owens 37:36 PB; 21st Tim Tansley 38:41 PB; 25th Simon Barkley 39:28 SB; 32nd Dave Newton 39:52 SB; 34th Steve Roberts 40:22 SB 1st M60; 38th Adam Jones 40:47 PB; 40th Rob Whittall 40:57 PB (39:17 if started at same time as the rest); 51st Lee Williams 42:24; 52nd Lauren Davies 42:33 PB; 62nd Rob Davies 43:44 SB; 120th Karen Owens 51:44 SB. 172

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Oswestry bowls is back on Tuesday

THE Oswestry and District Bowls League is back in business on Tuesday with a string of fixtures in the top two divisions.

After a modest 2013, Church A will be hoping for improvements when they get their new campaign underway but face a tricky trip to newly promoted Johnstown A.

There are two Johnstown teams in the top flight this term following the arrival of the club's B team, who lifted the second division last season. They open with a trip to 2012 champions Criffins. Llanymynech A, who survived by the skin of their teeth in division one after last term's basement battle, start out at home to Flexys A while Whittington A, who welcome Cynwyd A, also look for improvements this season following their mid-table finish.

Weston Rhyn A, who were relegated from the top flight last year, start life in division two with a trip to Black Lion on Wednesday. The night before, Church B entertain Ye Old Crofte.

Tuesday's opening night fixtures – Div two: Gairlog Valley v Chirk A, Corwen A v Ruabon A, Criffins A v Johnstown B, Johnstown A v Church A, Llanymynech A v Flexys A, Whittington A v Cynwyd A, Div two: Church B v Ye Old Crofte, George v Criffins B, Llangollen A v Overton A, Llanhaeadr A v Llangynog A.

Wednesday – Div two: Black Lion v Weston Rhyn A, Criffins C v Johnstown C.

■ IFTON made an encouraging start to the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League with a 9-5 (208-170) home win over Archibald Worthington.

Having flirted with relegation last term, the St Martins side know they will have to improve on the road. This Friday they head to Castlefields.

Against Archibald, they had four single figure winners, the best being Leighton Roberts (21-2) and Andrew Pearce (21-3).

Hat-trick as Ceri departs

CERI CHAPMAN fired a hat-trick in her last appearance for Welshpool Ladies hockey team – but her side suffered a 4-3 final day defeat to newly-crowned North Wales League champions Newtown.

Chapman brought the curtain down on her career, having been a keen player in Welshpool colours for over 10 years.

She helped them to the title last season.

Harrier books Games spot All to play for say Llanfair

MALDWYN Harrier's long distance runner Andrew Davies has landed his place in the Wales team for this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The Forden based athlete produced a terrific performance to achieve the qualifying A standard when finishing second in the Greater Manchester Marathon in 2hrs, 17 mins and 54 secs.

It was a massive personal best for Davies and the fastest time by a Welsh runner for many a year, beating the A standard qualification time by six seconds.

His chance to run in the Commonwealth Games is a dream come true for the 34-year-old who will be lining up against the world's best this summer on July 27.

The former Welshpool footballer gave up the sport a couple of years ago to pursue his ambition and the hours of arduous training has really reaped the reward.

Meanwhile, the Maldwyn Harriers 2014 Summer Race Series gets under way on Good Friday morning, April 18, with the Chocoholics 5km run, which is the traditional curtain raiser for the club's race series.

Last year's race, which gets underway from the Maldwyn Leisure Centre in Newtown, attracted 91 entrants and was won by Oswestry's Jimmy Kershaw in a time of 16:18 ahead of Maldwyn's fell running legend Tim Davies.

The fun run starts at 11am. Contact race organiser Paul Beeson on 01686 411354.

LLANFAIR United aim to step up the title heat in Spar Mid Wales League division one when they host Four Crosses on Saturday.

It proved a terrific weekend for United who moved joint top of the table with their 4-2 win at Builth Wells, while title rivals Llandrindod Wells and Berriew both lost.

Llanfair's victory sees them breathing down the necks of Llandod who still lead courtesy of a superior goal difference, while they also have a game in hand.

"It's now all to play for," said Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens.

It's the league cup quarter-finals this weekend, with Berriew hosting Rhosgob while Waterloo Rovers look to stay on the trophy trail when they entertain Carno.

Meanwhile, Berriew's assistant boss Dave Jones feels that his side's 3-2 defeat at Abereron could prove costly in their title pursuit and conceded: "It will be very difficult to win the league now."

■ Llanfair have received a £20,900 Welsh Grounds Improvement grant, with the money to be spent on electric and water connections as well as securing and renovating mobile changing rooms.

■ Holders Guilsfield booked their place in the semi-final of the Central Wales Cup with a hard-fought 3-2 win at Cymru Alliance rivals Penrhynoch.

Jack Harris hit a couple and a penalty from top scorer Danny Barton proved decisive. They meet Llanfair in the last four.

Promoted Morda men hoping to hit ground running

OSWESTRY'S cricketers get their season under way on Saturday at home to Penkridge in the Graham Williamson Trophy.

The Morda Road side face sterner tests after back-to-back promotions now see them playing in division one of the Birmingham Cricket League for the first time.

Before their first league action at home to Barnt Green on April 26, they have a couple of Trophy games in which to sharpen up their act.

First up is the visit of Penkridge on Saturday (12.30), and selection is hampered with skipper Mark Robinson and Warrick Fynn both unavailable. Shropshire opening bowler Dan Bowen, a new recruit this season along with South African teenager Darren Papier and fellow all rounder Matthew Gregson all missing the first few weeks.

However, the Morda Road side – captained by Alex Huxley for their curtain raiser – have plenty of depth in the squad.

"It's great to be in this competition as it gives us meaningful games against good opponents as we prepare ourselves for our first league game against Barnt Green later this month," said skipper Robinson.

"After winning promotion for the last two seasons, we want to carry on that form."

The summer has seen some significant changes, with key opening bowler and late order batsman Jonathan Miles leaving the club to go and play in Lincolnshire.

Wicketkeeper Dean Suter has also left as he is now working away in Kent, Ryan Fynn will now be based in Sheffield after getting married this weekend, while young spinner Charlie Morris has switched to local rivals Shrewsbury.

In Oswestry's ranks on Saturday will be England under-19 wicketkeeper-batsmen Joe Clarke who has returned from Wellington along with his brothers Robbie and Ollie.

SAINTS TO CLINCH THE TITLE IN STYLE

by John Bridgwater

WITH one hand firmly on the trophy, The New Saints will look to wrap up the Welsh Premier title in style in Saturday's televised top of the table tussle with Airbus UK at Park Hall (3.07).

The Saints are virtually assured of a third successive league crown as they need just one point from four games – but already look to have done enough courtesy of a seemingly unassailable goal difference.

But they will be keen to ensure there are no late slip-ups against an Airbus side who have been the only realistic challengers to the defending champions for much of the season.

Head coach Carl Darlington admits it would be fitting for TNS to lift the trophy against their second placed visitors, but is expecting no favours from the Wingmen.

"It would be nice to do it against them, but they won't come here ready to lie down as they won't want us to lift the trophy in front of them," he said. "We're expecting a tough game, but hopefully we can get that one point we need and then relax a bit in our last three league games."

"To win the league for the last three years is a fantastic effort, and we've also got a chance of winning the Welsh Cup for the second time in three years, so it shows how consistent we've been and that we're moving forward as a club."

Comeback

"Everyone's focused as it means a lot to win the league for the eighth time, which hasn't been done before."

Defender Phil Baker is struggling with ankle ligaments but winger Ryan Fraughan – an unused sub last week – is in contention as he continues his comeback from a broken foot.

The game, televised by S4C, kicks off seven minutes late at 3.07pm to mark the 25-year anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster in which 96 people died during the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

The Saints, meanwhile, stayed on course for a second piece of silverware after reaching the final of the Welsh Cup with a 2-1 win over Bala Town last Saturday.

They now meet Aberystwyth Town in the final at Wrexham's Racecourse ground on Saturday, May 3.

■ TNS director of football Craig Harrison and head coach Carl Darlington have won the Welsh Premier manager of the month award for March.

n TNS under-19s aim for national cup glory next Wednesday when they take on holders Swansea in the final of the Welsh Youth Cup final at the Liberty Stadium (7pm).

Llanymynech A are Hargrove Trophy winners



Hargrove Trophy winners Llanymynech (from left): Andrew Williams, Basil Griffiths, Adam Hilditch, Alan Lewis, James Hampson, Tom King, Gary Huggett. Picture: Ken Done.

LLANYMYNECH A survived a second-leg scare to win the County winter foursomes Hargrove Trophy.

A tense finish saw the hosts earn their eighth win but first since 1994-95 after they pipped Market Drayton, whose fight left the result in doubt until the final holes.

After securing a 2-1 first leg win, Llanymynech A were made to fight all the way by determined Drayton side in their first final appearance.

Basil Griffiths completed his seventh win in the trophy for Llanymynech.

In the top match, Ian Corcoran and Fred Handley beat home pairing James Hampson and Tom King one up, after a closely-fought game.

In the bottom match, Llanymynech's Griffiths and Gary Huggett found Matt Birch and Ashley Carr too hot to handle, the Drayton pair winning three holes up.

That left the middle pairing of Andrew (Wilf) Williams and Adam Hilditch of Llanymynech to secure the trophy.

They did so beating Drayton skipper Pete Yelland and Simon Lander

four up after being all square with four to play.

Llanymynech's non-playing captain Alan Lewis received the trophy from Shropshire & Herefordshire Union of Golf Clubs president Mike Roberts.

Roberts said: "It was a pleasure to witness a wonderful final played in great spirit and all the players were a credit to their clubs and the county."

"Special congratulations to Basil Griffiths for what was his seventh winning appearance for Llanymynech."

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